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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: THE SEASON OF PEACE, HOPE AND JOY, PART I

Advent began in style this week with assemblies led by Mr. Jordan and our Christmas Concert. In his assemblies Mr Jordan encouraged us all to Make Room for Jesus this Christmas. By this he meant keeping our focus firmly on the messages and ideas that really matter during Advent; those that are expressed in the candles of the Advent wreath. So, this week's theme is Hope: hope for the future, for a better world, for acceptance between people, hope in our young people. What better expression of hope, then, that the voices and talents of our young people.

Preceding our Christmas Concert, we held a seasonal afternoon tea for over 40 over-65s who were served a beautiful selection of food and drink by our Year 10s, many of whom were also part of the team who cooked the meal. We treated our guests to a game of Bingo and got them in the mood for the festive delights to follow. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Johnson, Mrs McGowan and Mr Waddell all of whom, along with other staff, made this event a success.

At the concert itself a virtually full house (who had battled through torrential rain to get there) were treated to a superb range of performances. We had the choir in various guises performing in harmony and with great presence; solos and duets that showcased the confidence of our pupils; a rousing rock band made up of pupils from Years 9 and 11; our famous steel band performing note-perfect renditions of seasonal numbers; our cheerleaders who filled the hall with energy; and a number of singalong opportunities for the audience. It is a truly uplifting evening made

possible by a team of staff, in particular Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes, Mr Farrier and Mrs Grundy. A special mention must also go to the comperes for the evening who hosted with wit and charm: Miss Goddard and Mr Jordan.

Our concert is part of our contribution to the community – it is a way of sharing our pupils' (and staff) talents with people beyond the school. Another aspect of our charitable work this Advent is giving hope to others through donations. I wrote to you about this earlier in the week, asking anyone who could to donate for a our Christmas hampers which go to our families in particular need. We are seeking especially:

- Toiletries, especially sets of these
- Treats: chocolate, sweets, cake, crisps, biscuits etc
- Books, games, jigsaws
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes,
- Hair products, gel, shampoo
- Pens, paper
- Dry, non-perishable goods (e.g. pasta, rice, cereal, tins, cans etc.)
- Cooking oil (especially Olive oil)
- Blankets, bed clothes, towels;

If you are able contribute please send items in with your child or drop them off in school – any generosity for those in need at this very difficult time is very gratefully received.

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CALENDAR

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, December 12th

Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 12th

Advent Liturgies

W/C, December 12th

Year 7 Christmas Disco

Wednesday, December 18th

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Close for Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 20th

1:00pm

YEAR GROUP LEADERSHIP



Year 7

Year Manager: Mr Healey

(Senior Leader: Mrs Johnston)



Year 8

Year Manager: Mr Marshall

(Senior Leader: Mr Jordan)



Year 9

Year Manager: Mrs Vincent

(Senior Leader: Mr Jones)



Year 10

Head of Year: Miss Moore

(Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch)



Year 11

Head of Year: Mr. Pemberton

(Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)

MATHS WATCH STAR OF THE MONTH:

Well done to Michelle, Anna, Joanna, William and Eve for achieving our Maths Star of the Month award! We hope you enjoyed your reward breakfast with Mr Davis and Mr Montgomery this morning.



ART FOCUS

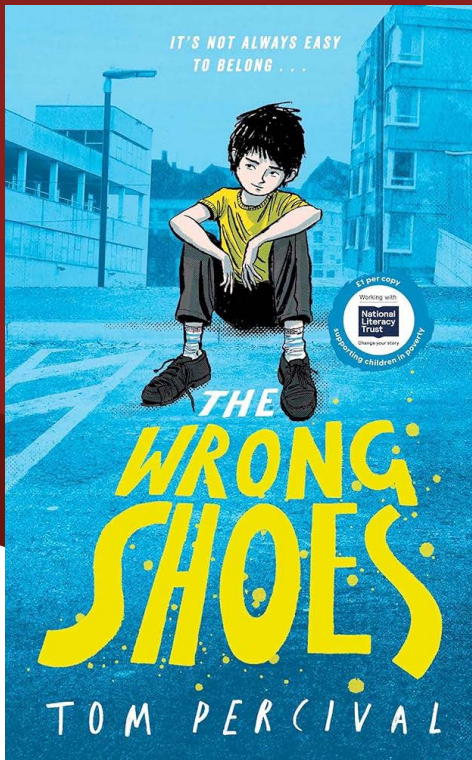
Lauren Mortimer artist
study by Lucy Year 7.

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As part of our **70th Anniversary Celebrations** and to raise the profile of the school further in the community, please can you help us to get in touch with former pupils? **Were you, or do you know anyone who was a pupil of St Ambrose Barlow or St George's?**

If you know someone, or if you are that person please contact us via email on office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org.

We look forward to hearing from you for our 70th anniversary celebrations.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival

There's a bunch of kids in there and suddenly they're all looking at me like someone who can actually do something, not just some weirdo with the wrong shoes and a rubbish coat.

Will has the wrong shoes – he's always known it but doesn't know how to change it. Navigating the difficulties of home and school when you feel you stick out is tough, but finding confidence with the help and empathy of friends can be all you need to see the way.

A beautiful and urgent exploration of the experience of child poverty from Tom Percival, creator of the bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, for fans of Boy at the Back of the Class.

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Well done to Year 11 who conducted themselves beautifully during their mock interviews last week. We welcomed a range of professionals including staff from Xaverian College and local businesses who kindly gave their time, allowing our students to prepare for the world of work and give them a taste of a real interview scenario. Feedback from the professionals was extremely positive with our students being credited for their excellent and mature attitudes.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

