

# Kettlethorpe High School

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## Newsletter 5

28 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

We are now heading into December, and the last three weeks of what has been a very busy and productive term. In order to help families with the school's build up towards Christmas, the following news items are being shared.

**Year 11 Presentation:** This event was a great success and the school welcomed back huge numbers from last year's very successful Year 11. They received their prizes and certificates from Stuart Pearce who also enjoyed his time in school.

**Tickets for Legally Blonde:** The tickets for this year's school production have now been released and can be obtained by using the link below. The pupils are working hard on their preparations, and we look forward to the performances which will take place on: Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December in the hall at 7pm.

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3sa8j4>



**Christmas Hampers:** Thank you to those families who have already supported this year's Christmas hamper collection with donations. We are, currently, collecting food donations which pupils can leave in the pupil reception area. Miss Lee is asking for donations, as below:

- Year 7: Spaghetti, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, super noodles.
- Year 8: Cereals, ketchup, mayonnaise, tuna, hot dogs.
- Year 9: Crisps, biscuits, mince pies, jelly, custard.
- Year 10: Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar.
- Year 11: Soup, canned vegetables, canned meats.

Again, thank you for your continued generosity and support for the annual Christmas hamper collection.

**End of School Christmas Term:** This year, the school will close at 1.15pm on Friday 22 December. Please note that this close to the Christmas weekend the roads around Asda and the school will be very busy on the last Friday of the term.

**Winter Safety:** Can all the pupils who ride their bikes into school be sure to wear reflective clothing, helmets and have front/rear lights on their bikes. The mornings and evenings are now very dark and other road users will need to be able to see pupils who are riding bikes into school.

**Electric Scooters:** Please note that these are not allowed on the school site and school will confiscate any that come into school. This is because the law states that electric scooters, whilst available for purchase cannot be ridden on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Advice on e-scooter usage: Police-UK ([www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk))  
Powered transporters – Gov.uk

**Road Safety:** This week, school assemblies have focused on road safety and being safe when travelling to and from school over the winter months. Pupils need to be fully aware of what is going on around them when crossing busy roads and not run out or rush out between cars when running for buses etc. Look to be safe.

**Sporting News:** Very well done to Kian Crawshaw in Year 8 on a bursary award to support his interest in playing golf. Also, well done to the U13 girls' football team on their success in the recent Wakefield School's football tournament.

**Children in Need:** Very well done to the pupils, families and wider school community on raising, to date, £5285.23. A great effort and lots of fun too!

Best wishes.  
Yours sincerely  
T Griffiths  
Headteacher

**Dates for the Diary:**

- Monday 04 December 2023-Friday 15 December 2023: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)
- Tuesday 12 December 2023-Thursday 14 December 2023: Performing Arts Performance
- Friday 22 December 2023: School finishes for Christmas break for 1.15pm
- Monday 08 January 2024: INSET day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 09 January 2024: School re-opens to all pupils at 8.40am

'You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.'

John Wooden 1910-2010: an American basketball coach famed for his short and simple inspirational messages including, 'never cease trying to be the best you can be'.