

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As the first half of the Autumn Term 2023 comes to a close, I am very pleased to report on what feels to have been another very busy and successful couple of months. As ever, staff and students have been very focused, both in and out of the classroom. Our new students have settled in incredibly well and our classrooms are, in the main, full of purposeful, focused young people. Half Term Interim Reports are available via Firefly for Years 7 to 12. For the vast majority, these reports reflect the sense of industry and purpose that I comment on but for a few there needs to be recognition that the second half of Term demands an increase in levels of industry, application and determination. A guide to reports can be found [here](#).

Woodhouse Grove is a school of breadth and opportunity, much of which is regularly showcased in our fortnightly editions of [Newsflash](#), and I am delighted that a very large number of our young people are participating in such a rich and varied programme of co-curricular activities. This half of Term has seen a wide variety of activity, ranging from the usual plethora of musical, sporting and drama opportunities not to mention various inter-House competitions.

Over the Half Term break, our U15 rugby players will be competing in the Heritage U15 National Rugby Festival at Langley School in Norfolk, and two separate groups – one comprising of Year 11 students and another made up of Year 12 and 13 students – will be travelling to Iceland. My thanks to all the staff involved for giving up their time to accompany our young people on these exciting and rewarding trips. We wish them all well on their travels.

The second half of Term will be similarly busy, and I offer a few specific dates for your diary:

Event

Year 11 Parents' Evening
Year 7 & 8 Spotlight Performance
Remembrance Service
Sixth Form Open Evening

Chamber Concert
Christmas Fair
Senior Production 'Remember Me'

Christmas Sports Ball
School Carol Service
Christmas Concert
Family Carol Service

Date

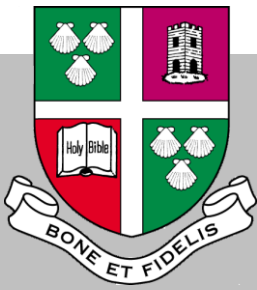
Wednesday 08 November, 5.00 pm - 9.00 pm (Online)
Thursday 09 November, 7.00 pm (McCarthy Theatre)
Sunday 12 November, 10.30 am (Chapel)
Thursday 16 November, 6.30 pm
(HLG, Davy Building and McCarthy Theatre)
Thursday 23 November, 7.00 pm (McCarthy Theatre)
Saturday 25 November, 10.30 am – 1.30 pm (HLG)
Wednesday 29 November, 7.00 pm (McCarthy Theatre)
Thursday 30 November, 7.00 pm (McCarthy Theatre)
Friday 01 December, 6.30 pm (Midland Hotel, Bradford)
Sunday 10 December, 6.00 pm (Chapel)
Thursday 14 December, 7.00 pm (McCarthy Theatre)
Sunday 24 December, 6.00 pm (Chapel)

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On Sunday 08 October a large congregation, comprising of a considerable number of the School community, gathered at Halifax Minster to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Mr Andrew Crawford. The Service was moving and uplifting in equal measure and was a very fitting occasion at which members of the Grove family, past and present, were able to celebrate Andrew's life alongside his family and all those with whom he had connections beyond Woodhouse Grove. As the hundreds of people in attendance attested, there are so many people whose lives have been enriched by knowing Andrew and his energy and enthusiasm will continue to be a light for so many. A special thank you to Rev Drost and Mr Tedd for the significant part they played in organising the Service, and thank you to all those who took part in and supported this very special and important occasion.

Finally, I have one piece of staffing news to share with you. After over 13 years at Woodhouse Grove, Mr Davis will be leaving us at Half Term. He is leaving the teaching profession to pursue a career in another industry. Having been a Teacher of Chemistry, Head of Department and recently Director of Academic Systems, Mr Davis has made an exceptional contribution to The Grove and we wish him all the very best for the future. The School is still finalising its plans to cover his teaching commitments after Half Term and beyond. As ever, we are doing our very best to minimise the impact on your children. The exact details regarding timetable amendments will be released over the Half Term holiday.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

With all my best wishes for a restful and enjoyable Half Term,

Yours sincerely

James Lockwood MA
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