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## December Newsletter

Merry Christmas to everyone,

As we come to the end of another fantastic term at Central Academy, it is good to see so many students succeeding. More and more of our students are getting involved in the life of the school and alongside our parents forum group who took part in a tour of the school, a short presentation and a question and answer session, it is really beginning to feel as though Central is once more taking its place in the community.

A little over a year has past since the floods devastated our school and the wider community. Through hard work, resilience and belief we have seen the school and community achieve a huge amount in that time.

It has been a challenging and interesting year for us and for all of the students and we continue to value your support as we move into 2017 with renewed energy and pushing to be recognised as the Good school that we are.



### Other News:

**Y7 & 8 Carol Service** – On Wednesday Year 7 and 8 students visited St Aidan’s Church for our annual Carol Service. Rev Teasdale welcome us in to the church to share in the celebration of the Christmas Story coupled with the re-opening of the church following the flood damage 12 months ago. Rev Teasdale spoke with warmth about the close links between Central Academy and St Aidan’s and the roles each play at the heart of the community. Readings were given by Professor Beaty, the Chair of Governors and students in Year 8. Mr Gilby closed the service with his words of thanks to Rev Teasdale and we look forward to returning next year.

**English** - Class 7xy/En2 were set the homework task of producing a written paragraph and display of what their fantasy world would be like, if they had a magical wardrobe.

The students produced fantastic 2D and 3D wardrobes detailing their fantasy worlds from Candy Floss World, Friendship Land, Football Fantasy to even Pizza Time and Cheerleading alongside a written paragraph.

They worked extremely hard which reflected in their work and they all thoroughly enjoyed the task.



**Year 9** - The Year 9 Health and Social Care students recently carried out Heartstart training with the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Officers showing them what signs to look out for to recognise a heart attack and how to perform CPR.

For the first term, the students have been covering one of the most important topics connected to Health and Social Care – Obesity. They have looked at various issues including maintaining a healthy diet and exercise, what you can do locally to keep fit, eating disorders connected to Mental Health Week and illnesses linked to obesity.

The students received a certificate on completion of the training and it is hoped that if they are ever faced with an emergency they now know the procedures connected to CPR and how to deal with an unconscious person.

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Health & Social Care student, **Khadija Begum** said, *“It is an important skill to have. It means that we know what to do and could save someone’s life. We were also able to develop our team working skills.”*



**Reward Assemblies** have taken place for all year groups 7-13 in the penultimate week of term. Hundreds of students have received certificates of commendation for excellent academic progress this term. Students also received recognition for excellent attendance and punctuality. There were pastoral awards which celebrated those students who made strong contributions around the Academy upholding United Learning values. The final awards of each assembly went to the tutor groups who had the best overall attendance and the highest number of merits. Form tutors are always very competitive and display winning certificates on their notice boards with great pride.

**Mathematics** - The Academy entered some students in the UK wide Senior Maths Challenge for the first time ever this term. A handful of Mathematicians from Year 11 sat the one and a half hour paper on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The students wrestled with puzzles and problems from the full range of mathematical disciplines. Congratulations to them all, but especially to **Nicole Davidson**, who secured a Bronze certificate, and to **Warren Glover** and **Oliwia Zagrodna**, both of whom secured Silver – well done!

**Lord Taverners PAN Disability Boccia Event** - **Nathan Zarza-Bell**, **Ciaran Murray** and **Ryan Rae** recently attended the Lord Taverners PAN Disability Boccia Event at Penrith Leisure Centre. Before this event the boys had never played Boccia (a precision ball sport) before and went to represent the Academy at the County Schools event. After a quick introduction to Boccia minutes before the opening group game the boys were thrown in at the deep end trying to win a series of competitive games. To their surprise they won every game and eventually progressed to the final – a local derby against neighbours, Trinity School. Central Academy were fired up knowing that the gold medal was up for grabs and were not going to give

in easily. Some superb play by all three boys involved guided them to a 7-4 victory and a gold medal! A terrific achievement for boys who had never played Boccia before; they now progress to the Regional Finals at Liverpool in February.



**Christmas Jumper Day** – we are delighted to say that we have raised £351 for Eden Valley Hospice and would like to thank the staff and students who took part and gave so generously.

My very best wishes for the festive season and I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2017!

With best wishes

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Principal

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## Calendar:

- **Spring Term begins:**  
08.30, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Sixth Form Open Evening
- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**  
Assessment WK3
- **Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Y12/13 Parents' Evening
- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Assessment WK4
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Big Dance 2017
- **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
Y8 Parents' Evening
- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Apr**  
Parent Forum Meeting
- **Summer Term begins:**  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Assessment Week 5
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y10 Work Experience
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jun**  
GCSE, A Level & AS Exams
- **Thur 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y7 Parents' Evening
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
United Learning Y7, 8 & 9 Exams
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jun**  
Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Assessment Week 6
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y10 Mocks
- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
Parent Forum Meeting:
- **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y10 Parents' Evening
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
Step Up to Sixth Form

### Spring Term 2017

- **Inset – Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017**
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr, 2017
- **Feb Half Term:**  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Summer Term 2017

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr to Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017
- May Bank Holiday  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May
- **Half Term – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June**



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