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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of this long term always brings a few sighs of relief, but it was a real pleasure to bring the whole school together for our **School Christmas Service** this morning, where we reflected on the year and the meaning of Christmas, before indulging in a great deal of fun in the **6<sup>th</sup> Form RAG Show** this afternoon, finishing with the excitement of the annual Christmas Raffle!

Although two very different occasions, the pupils acquitted themselves with real maturity during the day, which made for an enjoyable end to the year for everyone. My particular thanks to the whole **Sixth Form team** for all their work with RAG week, which also included the very popular RAG Film afternoon, yesterday, for Years 7 and 8.

Sporting fixtures continued this week with our **Year 10 Netball A team** showing real confidence and skill to overcome Colfox 22 – 7 in the A-game, whilst the B-team had a narrow loss 12 – 16. Miss Lewis is delighted with all their efforts this year.

Thursday saw the much-anticipated **Pyramid final of the Kenway Cup**. This was a great occasion with Bridport St Mary's winning 3-0 against Greenford in a really competitive game; well done to both teams.

Our Year 11 **GCSE Product Design students** had an inspiring visit to **Little Halstock Joinery** on Thursday morning. Following on from their presentation in school earlier in the term, Little Halstock kindly invited the students to go and see their workshops in action including the stages of manufacture. They were treated to seeing a number of exemplary, and very expensive, completed products having seen and discussed their designs earlier in the year. Students were really interested to see how a very large 8 x 2 meter table was constructed so it could be disassembled for moving (see the photos on our Facebook page), as well as how similar the processes in industry are to what they have to do for their GCSEs. We are very grateful to Little Halstock for inviting us over for the morning and giving our students this amazing opportunity.

We recently heard that former student **Isla Harris**, who completed her A-Levels with us in 2019, has passed out from RAF Holton this week and now goes on to be a weapons technician. Many congratulations from us all.

**National Online Safety** have one final leaflet to help everyone stay safe online this Christmas. Please do take a few minutes to look at this one, attached, based around setting up apps, games and software.

Looking ahead, rehearsals for **Treasure Island** are in full swing with the production already looking like a real crowd-pleaser! Show nights are 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February - look out for our eye-catching poster, designed by prize winner Emily Allen, Year 7, with Daniil Razdobudko and Amelia Cook of Year 8, worthy runners-up. We hope they enjoy spending their gift vouchers in Bridport Arts and Crafts.

Please remember that we have a staff training day on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, so we look forward to welcoming all the students back on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** for the start of the Spring Term.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very restful Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

Take care.

Mr Hales

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