

Value for this half term: [Perseverance](#)

Theme for this week (5 Dec - 9 Dec 2022): [Persevering through adversity](#)

Life Skills theme for the week: [We accept that along with rights come responsibilities](#)

[‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’ \(Matthew 3:3\)](#)

It was a pleasure welcoming back to the school the inspirational Joel Fearon, Olympic Bobsleigh medalist, last week. Joel talked to Year 7 and Year 8 students and led a sports session, before visiting the primary phase in the afternoon.

Members of the Harleston Sancroft PTA are very excited to announce that a grand total of £4,384.06 was raised at this year’s Fireworks display! Following the success of this wonderful community event, the money raised will be put to good use supporting and enriching the education of students across both phases of the school.

Last Friday saw the students of the A Team prepare and serve Christmas Dinner for their families and other guests. The delicious food was accompanied by the students’ homemade crackers, Christmas singing and poetry reading. Thank you to all students and staff involved, and for the guests who thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the school.

As we look ahead to the last two week’s of this term - and of school life in 2022 - we welcome the Police, who will be talking to students about Online Safety amongst other relevant topics.

With Christmas festivities continuing later this week: Senior Citizens’ Christmas Dinner; Year 5 ‘Stepping Up’ Christmas Activities Day; Christmas Markets excursion and then Friday’s Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner - there certainly is a huge amount to look forward to.

### **An Advent Prayer**

God of hope, we cling to you,

for you renew the face of the Earth.

Through the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus,

we follow you on the path of dawn.

Enlightened by your love and wisdom,

help us to lead each other back to your open arms.

*Amen.*

### Links and ongoing notices:

Here are this year's "Advent Journeys" [resources](#) which may help in understanding the Advent journeys of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Magi. The Powerpoint is also attached separately. With the two earlier weeks considering Mary's Journey to Visit Elizabeth and then Mary and Joseph's Journey to Bethlehem, the third week focuses on the Shepherds and their Visit to Jesus.

The [school website](#) is a useful source of information.

- Please visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for news and updates.
- [Here](#) is a list of lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- All clubs are FREE and students do not need to sign up - they can just turn up on the day. For any lunchtime sports clubs, students should put on their trainers (they won't change into full sports kit). For after-school sports clubs, students will need to be fully changed into their PE kit.

### Key upcoming events:

**Tuesday 6 December:** Information presentations by the Police during the school day.

**Wednesday 7 Dec:** Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner and Festivities.

**Thursday 8 Dec:** Year 5 'Stepping Up' Christmas Activities Day (secondary phase).

**Thursday 8 Dec:** Year 11 Parents' Evening.

**Thursday 8 Dec:** MFL Excursion - Christmas Markets.

**Friday 9 Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner.

**Monday 12 Dec:** Year 10 deadline for confirmed Work Experience [placement](#) (log in with your HSA email): hand form to your form tutor or Mr Ahrenfelt.

**Tuesday 13 Dec:** Music & Drama Christmas Showcase, with Art Exhibition. Information letter [here](#).

**Friday 16 Dec:** Whole-School Assembly, Celebration Assemblies and Christmas Disco.

**Please note, students must attend school wearing their normal school uniform.**

Students in Years 7-10 may bring appropriate non-uniform clothes to change into later in the day. *Only* Year 11 students may bring and then change into appropriate fancy dress clothing later in the day. Students are asked to bring in £1 on Friday morning (£2 for Y11 students) for our 'To Kenya with Love' fund (and Year 11 Prom Fund).

Students will need to refer to the guidance provided by Heads of House and Form Tutors regarding what constitutes appropriate clothing.

**Friday 16 Dec:** School closes for the Christmas Holidays.

**Wednesday 4 January 2023:** All students return to school.