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#### Dear all

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year! We began the day with our annual tradition of welcoming children on the last day with Christmas songs - and it was great to see such a good participation rate from students this year too!

#### Your Feedback

I think it's important to start this newsletter by thanking you for your ongoing support and feedback. It is only through sharing concerns, celebrating successes, and reflecting on how we can be better, that we will make Kettering Science Academy a place where we can ignite the brilliance in all our children.

### Marija's Remarkable Success

We are extremely proud of Mariia in Year 9, who very recently represented Great Britain at the Cologne Dance Festival Competition. Mariia participated in the WDO World Team Match, where she became the World Champion in the Under 19 Solo category. In addition to this phenomenal achievement, she also picked up a number of diplomas and awards in various categories. Congratulations, Mariia, on your fantastic success!

## **Year 11 Basketball Champions**

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 basketball team for their outstanding victory in the North Northamptonshire District Basketball League! With an impressive 100% win rate, the team not only triumphed in the Kettering league but also clinched the district title with a decisive victory over Corby league champions, Prince William School. A special thank you to every student who contributed to this success. Well done, team!

## **Supporting the Kettering Food Bank**

Year 7 and 8 students demonstrated the true spirit of giving this festive season with their visit to the Kettering Food Bank. Led by Mr. Haywood, they delivered donations of food and Christmas presents for those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed – your generosity makes a real difference. We look forward to continuing this partnership in 2025.

## **A Visit from Compass Primary School**

This morning, we welcomed our neighbours from Compass Primary School as they used our hall for their annual pantomime treat. We managed to sneak a peek from the technical box, and it was heartwarming to see everyone having a great time.

### **Christmas Concert**

Monday evening saw a fabulous Christmas concert that showcased the incredible talent within our school community. The event was well attended, and we thank everyone who came along to support. Performances ranged from singing, dancing, and drama to solo acts and cheerleading. Highlights included the boys' dance troupe and a spectacular tap-dancing duo. We are excited to see our Performing Arts department continue to flourish!

# **Looking Ahead**

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Wednesday, 8th January 2025**. We will be in touch on our training days (Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th) with a reminder of uniform expectations and other practical aspects of life at KSA.

Finally, we hope you have a wonderful holiday. We know for some of our children and families, this time of year may be tinged with sadness, and for others – as a parent of a neurodivergent child, I can relate – it may not always feel like the perfect scenes shown in adverts or films. However you choose to spend it, and however it turns out, we wish you peace, joy, and well-being this festive season.

With my very best wishes.

Mrs Giovanelli