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Dear all,

As we approach the final days of the term, the festive spirit is truly alive at KSA. Here's a roundup of this week's events and updates, as well as a glimpse of what's ahead.

Excellence Stream and Enrichment Programme

At Kettering Science Academy, we believe that *kids do well if they can*. This term, we've been working on developing our **Excellence Stream**, a new initiative aimed at supporting our most able students to both aspire and achieve their potential.

The Excellence Stream focuses on:

- Identifying and supporting our more-able students.
- Ensuring quality teaching that stretches and challenges all students.
- Providing opportunities to raise aspirations, including enrichment activities, inter-school challenges, and professional workshops.
- Removing barriers to success and communicating effectively with parents about this provision.

As part of this enrichment work, we are thrilled to be inviting professionals from a range of industries to inspire our young people. **This week marks the start of these sessions**, with talks scheduled on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December**.

We are delighted to welcome:

- **Monday:** A Pathology Doctor and a Food Industry Manager.
- **Tuesday:** Two Engineers.

These sessions are designed to spark curiosity and encourage students to think ambitiously about their futures. Parents of Excellence Stream students were notified on Friday; if you haven't yet received this communication, you should hear from us on Monday. The Excellence Stream policy is now available on our school website for further details.

Reward Assemblies

Reward assemblies will take place this week during **extended assemblies each morning**. These assemblies celebrate the incredible achievements of our students this term, from academic excellence to demonstrating our core values.

Congratulations in advance to all the recipients—your hard work, dedication, and positive contributions truly make KSA a special community.

Raising Achievement Evening and Trial Exams

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Raising Achievement Evening** last Thursday. We hope you found the session practical and informative, with valuable strategies to support your child's revision and progress.

On **Tuesday**, Year 11 students will receive their **trial exam results**. This experience mirrors the process they'll go through in the summer, providing an invaluable learning opportunity.

Mr. Reid's assembly last week delivered the key message: *Get busy!* There is still plenty of time to make progress, and how students choose to use their time now will make all the difference.

Our experience tells us that students who work consistently hard in lessons and take advantage of the many opportunities available after school consistently perform better than their peers. Little and often really is the key. We encourage all Year 11 students to apply themselves fully in lessons, as well as to take advantage of the revision sessions offered at school.

If you would like any further advice or support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's form tutor.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday was a wonderfully festive occasion as over **1,000 Christmas lunches** were served to students and staff. I was relegated to my usual spot on the lunch queue for fear of disrupting the military-precision service planned by our incredible restaurant staff.

The food was delicious, and the smiles on everyone's faces were a testament to the joy it brought. A special thanks to our catering team, who went above and beyond with beautiful decorations and festive costumes, making the day extra special for all.

Christmas Concert

Monday's Christmas Concert promises to be a spectacular event, with over **250 tickets already reserved**. If you haven't yet secured your tickets, please do so soon.

It's set to be a fantastic evening of music and celebration, showcasing the incredible talents of our students.

PE Kit Expectations

We've had valuable feedback from parents regarding the need for better communication about **which sports are on the curriculum and when**, so you can help your child be organised and ensure they have the right kit.

As a direct result, we will now share this information termly in advance. Attached to this newsletter is the **PE curriculum schedule for Term 3 (January) for Key Stages 3 and 4**.

Thank you for your support in helping students be prepared for their lessons.

Last Day of Term

A reminder that the final day of term will be a **non-uniform day**, with a **12:30pm finish**.

As always, please get in touch if you need to.

Mrs Giovanelli