



6 December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Christmas Concert on 13 December at 7.00pm and as we approach the end of the autumn term, also to update you on general matters and celebrate some of the fantastic work that has taken place since the start of term.

End of term arrangements

School closes on Friday 15 December at 13.00. Lunch will be available for pupils at this time and the MyBus service will run at 13.00.

Spring term - dates for your diary

Wednesday 3 January Start of term - All pupils to attend school at 08.50

4 January	Past Year 13 Certificate collection	19-24 February	Governors' QA Week
15 January	Year 9 Parents' Evening	20 February	Year 11 Targeted Parents' Evening
22 January	Year 12 Parents' Evening	1 March	World Book Day
25 January	Year 9 PSHE morning	4-12 March	German Exchange pupils in TSS – third year of Erasmus+
29 January	Sixth Form Mock Results Day	15 March	BBC News Report Day
31 January	Year 9 Options Evening	19 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
5-9 February	School Production	27 March	Spring Concert (7.00pm)
12-16 February	A Level Physics visit to Cern, Geneva	30 March-16 April	Easter holiday
12-16 February	Half term holiday		

School Improvement

We had a two-day review on Thursday 30 November and Friday 1 December, carried out by two recently retired Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI); Marianne Young and Michael Maddison. Their focus was on the effectiveness of Leadership & Management in driving up standards across the school and providing strategic direction to school improvement; in addition, they reviewed the progress the school has made since Marianne last carried out a review in November 2016; some of you may recall Michael Maddison was our HMI support during the summer term following Ofsted in February 2014.

Adverse Weather Procedures

Any decision a school takes to remain open or to close is not always going to be well received. Critical factors include road conditions and the availability of public transport; we remain in direct contact with transport services and are informed when services are cancelled or disrupted.

The responsibility for school closure rests with the Local Authority (LA) for maintained schools such as TSS. However, because of the variation in geography and climate throughout the district, it is normal for the Headteacher to make an individual school closure decision. This decision will be based on a health and safety assessment (both for staff and pupils); the LA and the Headteacher will keep the school open if at all possible. Only in exceptional circumstances will the school be closed. If weather conditions are such that the school makes a decision to close before the normal school day starts, i.e. around 6.30am, then instruction will be given to publish notification by 7.00am in the following ways which have proven the most effective ones to date:

- A school closure message on Radio Leeds
- An update on our school website - www.titussaltschool.co.uk
- An update via Twitter - @TitusSaltSchool
- An update on the Bradford Schools Online website - <https://bs.o.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx>



Telephone: 01274 258969

Fax: 01274 258970

Web: www.titussaltschool.co.uk

Email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk



Titus Salt School

Headteacher: Mr I Morrel BA (Hons) NPQH

Higher Coach Road
Baildon
Shipley
BD17 5RH

If weather conditions are such that a decision to close is taken during normal school hours, then all parents/carers who have provided us with mobile telephone contact details will be informed by text. In the past, we have allowed older pupils to make their way home immediately but required other pupils to provide confirmation from parents/carers of transport arrangements. This is usually done by telephone. Some staff will remain in school to supervise pupils until they are able to get home. As you can appreciate, we attempt to ensure we can deal effectively with weather conditions and circumstances arising from this that are beyond our control and I trust you feel reassured that we will do all we can. As a final plea, please do not contact the school switchboard in such situations as we will need this facility to continue critical school business.

Leave of Absence

In line with DfE guidance, TSS does not authorise holidays during term time. If Leave of Absence is requested for exceptional circumstances, please write to the Attendance Officer giving full reasons for the absence and dates. The school will contact parents/carers directly to arrange a home visit or meeting in school.

Open Evenings

September's Open Evening experienced high footfall with very positive feedback. The Sixth Form Open Evening held in November had similar success, with our largest number of external pupils attending – all with positive feedback.

Roundel Car Park

The car park is extremely busy before and after school, with people parking in the hatched areas and in front of other parked cars; this compromises the safety of our pupils and hampers the flow of traffic. Therefore, I politely request that drivers display caution at all times and do not stop in areas denoted by yellow hatching.

School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)

Titus Salt School is a strategic partner of Leeds Trinity University SCITT as well as the Northern Lights Teaching School Alliance. We have included an information leaflet about the SCITT with this letter for any parent/carer, or anyone you know, who is interested in a future career in teaching.

Achievements

The following is an account of just some of the events our pupils have been involved in recently:

Sport

School Games - Matthew Wilson, Year 13, Rhea Southcott, Year 12 and Matty Wilson, Year 11 all competed in the School Games in Loughborough. Matthew's team brought home bronze in the hockey finals; Rhea achieved Gold in the shot putt; gaining the furthest distance ever thrown at the games while Matty's team achieved Gold in wheelchair basketball. **Rugby** - Emma Kershaw and Chloe Pollard, Year 9, have been selected to play for Yorkshire Rugby. Both girls played their first match for the U15's squad in September. **Taekwondo** – Rebecca Weir, Year 10, continues to bring the medals home, winning silver in the British Taekwondo Championship and second silver from a competition in Liverpool. **Gymnastics** - Year 8's Poppy Woodhead competed in the English Gymnastics Championships. Poppy came sixth on vault and tenth on the bars; great results for a first national competition.

STEM

Logo - Liam Hutchinson, Year 9 won the 'Design a logo for STEM competition'. Liam's entry was chosen because he brought all the elements of STEM together in a strong emblem. The logo was digitally produced by a design company and will be used to represent STEM in and around the school community. **Competition** - The computing and engineering skills of Year 12 learners have guaranteed them a place in the regional finals of a Yorkshire-wide competition organised by global electronics distributor Premier Farnell. The challenge was developed with Leeds Beckett University and Ahead Partnership to raise awareness of regional career opportunities in tech and digital industries. Two teams entered, creating original devices to address issues faced by people living with physical or sensory impairments. The winning project was a voice and light activated window blind.

Cont/.....



Telephone: 01274 258969

Fax: 01274 258970

Web: www.titussaltschool.co.uk

Email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk



Titus Salt School

Headteacher: Mr I Morrel BA (Hons) NPQH

Higher Coach Road
Baildon
Shipley
BD17 5RH

On behalf of all TSS staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout what has been another successful term.

I wish you all a peaceful festive time and a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Ian Morrel
Headteacher



Telephone: 01274 258969

Fax: 01274 258970

Web: www.titussaltschool.co.uk

Email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk