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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 pantomime, Publication of reports, Colours tie nominations, RP6th admissions conversations, John Alexander Christmas Concert, Ask Dan Anything – Online Safety Q&A – 13 December 2023 6pm – 7:30pm, Keeping Children Safe Online, Lincolnshire Police Message on E-Scooters**

Welcome to my end of week update letter. We are on the final push to the end of term with one full week left and the final three days of the last week of term when we hold our bumper, awards and rewards-filled Full School Assembly. The charge is on to end the term well. It was also nice to see a successful SEND parent drop-in clinic this week which Mr Adlington and his team held in the cadet building.

More updates below:

### **Year 7 Pantomime**

On Monday, we are taking almost all of our Year 7s to the New Theatre Royal, Lincoln, to see Aladdin. The coaches will leave at 10:00am, so students should attend expecting to go to the first half of period 1 as normal. For those staying at the Academy for the day, please bring PE kit and expect an exciting day in school.

### **Publication of Reports**

End of term reports should be published by the end of next week.

### **Colours Tie Nominations**

It is that time of the year again when I ask for nominations for Colours. These are special ties given out by me three times a year during Full School Assembly for services beyond the norm to Music, Drama, Sport, Charity Fundraising or Leadership. This can be for activities in or out of the Academy and is open to all year groups. Staff are already in the process of their nominations. Should you wish to nominate your child for a Colours award, please email my PA, Miss Timbrell, using [ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk](mailto:ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk) by close next Friday. Thank you.

### **RP6<sup>th</sup> Admissions Conversations**

Options conversations for entry to Year 12 next September will begin next week with the aim of completing them all before the Christmas break. I will be leading on this with Mr Griffiths. All Year 11 internal applicants will receive a short time slot to discuss their choices with us and their current grade profiles. Should you have any questions about this, please be good enough to drop us a line via [sixthform@srpa.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@srpa.co.uk).

## John Alexander Christmas Concert

The John Alexander Christmas Concert is an evening of short performances that display talents from students across the Key Stages. We have dance, live music, reading and singing performances that all celebrate the spirit of the festive season. Tickets are still available for both performances, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December 2023 which can be purchased through ParentPay priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children.

## Ask Dan Anything – Online Safety Q&A – 13 December 2023 6pm – 7:30pm

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023, Lincolnshire children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online. Effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, our resident Online Guru, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required through the link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnshirecountycouncil/1053896>.

## Keeping Children Safe Online

Following feedback received from my previous weekly newsletter, we can confirm we have now organised a parental session surrounding the online safety of children.

Please use the attached link to the Microsoft Form to sign up If you do wish to attend this session on 31 January 2024 between 2:15pm – 3:15pm. The session will be held in person at the Academy by industry experts <https://forms.office.com/e/QVfU4vcip8>.

## Lincolnshire Police Message on E-Scooters

Thinking of buying an e-scooter? Lincolnshire Police are reminding parents and guardians that e-scooters are not legal to use on public pavements or roads.

Inspector Jason Baxter said, "Our approach to this will be to engage and educate. When that fails, we will enforce. We know that e-scooters are probably on Christmas lists this year, and may be tempting in the January sales, we just want people to think twice before buying a product that's so limited in where you can legally use it."

Whilst their aim is to engage and educate, penalties for using an e-scooter illegally can include seizure of the e-scooter.

- In Lincolnshire, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the land owner. [Read more about our advice on using e-scooters.](#)



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- If you are considering buying an e-scooter, please also read this [advice from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue after safety concerns over e-scooters](#) regarding charging and battery storage.
- As part of a trial, rental e-scooters are allowed on public roads and cycle lanes in approved areas in some cities (not currently Lincoln) provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations. [Find out more about e-scooter trials.](#)

The end of term is not far off, but we have no intention of taking our foot off the pedal. Christmas, and our celebrations thereof, will come quickly enough. In the meantime, I leave you this week with the words of Aristotle who said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



**Mr D Hardy**  
**Headmaster**



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