



**The South Wolds  
Academy  
and Sixth Form**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw to the end of another great term at South Wolds, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing support for the school. We have just had a routine inspection visit from Ofsted and, whilst I do not yet have a copy of the final report to share with you, I would like to say thank you to all of you that took time to complete the parent questionnaire. As an academy we welcome feedback to help us celebrate what we do well and also look at where we could be even better: we are never complacent! I am very proud of the students and staff at South Wolds and I know that you are as well. We also had an amazing response to the pupil questionnaire - the lead inspector commented that usually they receive around fifty responses from students but the pupils of South Wolds returned over three hundred!

Life in school is as busy as ever with Year 11 students almost at the end of their mock examinations. They have worked very hard and have been a real credit to the school. Year 13 students are gearing up for their mock examinations straight after Christmas and I wish them all the very best at this important time in their revision and preparation.

The school pantomime *Dick Whittington* has been on this week and I hope you have had a chance to see the stars on the stage as well as hear the wonderful live band. A fantastic production yet again: huge thanks go to Mr Askham, Mrs Vitel, Mr Manning and everyone else involved for coordinating a spectacular show.

You may have seen some of our students celebrated in the local press: congratulations to Joe Morris in Year 11 for his well deserved 4Uth Award and also to Will Orton in Year 10, who is now the 2019 SuperOne British Junior ROK karting champion after securing pole position in six out of eight time qualifying sessions and winning 11 out of 16 races. Don't forget to look out for Abi Dring in Year 9, who will be starring in the CBBC talent show *Got What it Takes* in January 2020. We wish her the very best of luck.

We have also just launched our new website and I hope that you find it to be a better, more user-friendly site than before. As always, do let us know your thoughts!

A little housekeeping to end: we return to school on Monday 6th January 2020 which will be a Week A on the timetable. Please can I ask that all students are ready for school with appropriate uniform and appearance. I would be grateful if you can ensure, for example, that Christmas nails are removed and are then suitable for school, in line with the academy's uniform policy. This also goes for holiday haircuts - on returning to school, students are not allowed to have hair shorter than a grade 2 cut and no extreme styles or colours are permitted. Your continuing support in these areas is greatly appreciated and allows us all to focus on the important aspects of school life without distractions.

May I wish you all a happy holiday and see you in 2020.

Yours sincerely

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