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Communiqué

Dear Parents/Carers,

School has been a fantastic place to be this last term with many, many highlights. This last week, in the run up to Christmas, has been absolutely tremendous in terms of the young people's demonstration of many talents. The way that they have got together and organised events, such as the 'Mamma Mia' production raising money for charity; how the Houses have come together and worked to support people in far off lands by sending them livestock; and our musicians, choristers and soloists under the tutelage of Mrs Gardner, produced a magnificent series of Carol Services to remember. The spiritual life of the school has grown; it is the anniversary now of Revd. Adrian's appointment and he has had a significant impact. There are difficult times ahead with the national economy the way it is and the impact it will probably have on schools, but I like to think that we march to the sound of a different drum and that whatever the new year brings, we will make sure that our young people, your children, are cared for and challenged while at school.

I do wish you, on behalf of all the staff, Governors, and young people at the school, a very happy, family-orientated Christmas time. We look forward to the new year with joy in our hearts.

Mr D Hugill

Headteacher

*"He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him"*

(John 1 : 11)

PS: I have included the school calendar for 2010-11 so you start planning next year's holidays.

Diary Dates

Wed 6th Jan	School Reopens (8.30am)
Tue 12th Jan	Year 8 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)
Wed 27th Jan	Year 9 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)
Mon 8th Feb	Year 9 Options Evening
Tue 9th Feb	Parents Forum (7pm in the Library)
Sat 12th—Fri 19th Feb	Ski Trip
Thur 25th Feb	Year 7 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)
Thur 4th Mar	Year 11 Parents Evening 2 (4pm-7 pm)
Mon 22nd Mar	Year 10 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)
Tue 30th Mar	Parents Forum (7pm in the Library)
Fri 28th May	Leavers' Communion

Sports News

Year 8 Rugby - In their inaugural competition the Under 13 boys Rugby team won through to the 'Emerging Schools Rugby Union Cup' to be played at Rochdale Hornets Rugby Club at the end of January. They defeated 5 other schools at Blackburn Rugby Club on the way, with Luke Farnworth scoring 7 tries along the way. **Mr. Gray**

Boccia - Two teams took part in the Lancashire Boccia Tournament on 8th December. The A Team came 9th and the B Team brought some medals home. Unfortunately we very narrowly missed out on 1st place—by goal difference of 2 points. However, we have improved our placings from last year and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Badminton - A new tournament for all secondary schools leading onto National level, our Under 16 boys, Under 16 girls and Under 14 girls were successful in the 1st round and now will compete in the next round in early January.

Miss. Smith

PTA



**The next meeting of the PTA will be held
on Thursday 14th January 2010
at 7pm in the Library**

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2010-11

<p>Autumn Term Inset Day 1 (no pupils in school) School Reopens for all pupils</p> <p>Inset Day 2 Half Term End of Term</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st September 2010 Thursday 2nd September 2010 8.30am Year 7 10.30am Years 8-11 Friday 1st October 2010 Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October 2010 (inclusive) Friday 17th December 2010 at 1.30pm</p>
<p>Spring Term School Reopens Half Term Inset Day 3 End of Term</p>	<p>Thursday 6th January 2011 at 8.30am Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February 2011 (inclusive) Monday 28th February 2011 Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 3.20pm</p>
<p>Summer Term School Reopens Half Term School Closes for pupils</p>	<p>Thursday 5th May 2011 at 8.30am Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June 2011 (inclusive) Wednesday 20th July 2011 at 1.30pm</p>