Dear Parent and Student,

We have two weeks until we break for the Christmas holiday. Our last day of term is Friday 21st December 2018 and to assist in your planning I can confirm that term ends for students as follows:

- 12.15pm Years 13, 12, 11 and 10
- 12.45pm Years 9, 8 and 7

We will share more about end of term arrangements with students as we get closer to Friday 21st December 2018.

This week’s bulletin I would like to devote to sharing information about a recent ‘Enterprise’ event which some of our students participated in and also to one of the students’ charity initiatives which is coming to its conclusion at the end of next week.

Firstly, Mrs Matthews reports the following on the ‘Enterprise Day’

‘Last Friday following the Inset day, Marie Matthews and 5 students visited a new leisure facility being built in Slough on the Farnham Road. The visit was a reward for students who were being the winning team of the Enterprise Day held earlier on in the year led by Slough Urban Renewal.

The students were given a presentation by the company developing the site, Morgan Sindall, that gave them an overview of what the company does, the industries they work with, the income they generate and local schemes they are involved in. Following the presentation and Health and Safety talk, all were kitted out with high vis jackets, helmets and gloves and guided around the ‘working site’.

We weren’t allowed to take photos around the site, however, the company’s photographer has just sent us some photos. A few are below.

I commended the students on their commitment to attend the visit as it was a day when they were not required to be in school.
Secondly, Ms Joy reports the following on the Food bank donations

As you can see from this photograph, the donations for the foodbank are mounting. I want to sincerely thank all students and staff who have so far contributed. However small the donation of non-perishable food stuff is, it will make a huge difference to another family. Please continue to think about whether you can assist and drop off these food stuffs to Ms Joy in our ALC.

Very best wishes

Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week

reprehensible (adj)  
rep-ri-hen-se-bel

Definition:
• shameful or extremely bad, deserving of blame

Usage:
• The child’s behaviour was reprehensible.
• In An Inspector Calls, Arthur Birling’s treatment of his workers is reprehensible.

Are you Word Savvy?

Etymology
From the Latin reprehendere
meaning to restrain or hold back
Maths Word of the Week

**DEFINITION:**
(noun) The amount that something can produce.
**EXAMPLE:** “The capacity of the football stadium was 50,000 spectators.”

**MATHS:** The maximum amount that something can contain.
**Example:** “The capacity of a container of size 1 cubic metre is 1,000 litres.”

**Business:** The maximum a company can produce.
**Example:** “The company aimed to double its electricity-generating capacity.”

**ROOT:** From the Latin *capacitas*, meaning ‘that can contain’

√*Words*

If a stadium is full a reporter might say...

“They played to a capacity crowd”

What is the capacity of this truck?
In other words how many boxes of capacity 1 metre cubed will fit into it?

The boxes are 1 metre cubes. It would take 90 boxes to fill the truck, 10 long, 3 wide and 3 high ... 10 x 3 x 3 = 90.

The capacity of the truck is 90 cubic metres.

In business *capacity* means the maximum output that a business can produce in a given period with the available resources.

*Capacity* is usually measured in production units (e.g. 1,000 cars per month).

In law a person has the *capacity* to do certain things if they are mentally fit.

If a person is not mentally fit they cannot do the things in the pictures. What are they?

A person who lacks capacity could not:
Get married
Make a will
Enter a binding contract