

## Sixth Form Newsletter

December 2023



**THE CASTLE ROCK  
SCHOOL**  
Lionheart Educational Trust

<b>Gatherings</b>	<b>Topic</b>
WB 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Importance of wider reading – Mrs Clayfield
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Success is the sum of small efforts – Mrs Parker
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Celebration gathering – Mrs Parker

<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Topic</b>
WB 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<b>Year 12</b> – Health and Wellbeing – dangers of drug use <b>Year 13</b> – Private study
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<b>Year 12 and Year 13</b> – Health and Wellbeing – Dealing with an emergency
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<b>Year 12</b> – Academic wellbeing <b>Year 13</b> – Health and Wellbeing – Dangers of drug use

### Christmas time

We are extremely proud of our students – they demonstrate our core values as a school through their kindness and reciprocity. This has been particularly apparent this month through our fundraising efforts to support The Coalville Foodbank as well as supporting our most recent Tea and Bingo event for residents of Tillson House. Our Sixth Form students supported the collection of Foodbank items and the transfer from the school campus to their final destination at the Foodbank.

Our Performing Arts students also took part in the school production of Sister Act – a great display of dedication and passion to the arts! Well done all who took part.

Each year we support students to apply to the Realising Opportunities programme, which aims to support students to access top universities across the United Kingdom. This prestigious programme is very difficult to secure a place and this year we are celebrating seven of our Year 12 students gaining access. Well done to you all.

Rose H in Year 12 has also managed to secure one of four places on the Access: Leicester STEM programme which allows her to undertake work experience shadowing Leicester University academic staff and working alongside them in their laboratories. Well done Rose!

### Sixth Form weekly rundown

Each Friday, students are emailed with a weekly rundown of messages and notices for the week ahead. Through this, our students are also sent opportunities and careers links for further research and reading. Some of the opportunities we have sent this month are:

- Planning ahead – students have been issued with revision plans and content lists for their subject areas. Whilst Year 13 trial exams are complete, Year 12 trials are taking place shortly after the Christmas break. With only a few months left for Year 13, it is imperative that students use all of their time effectively over the next two weeks. We have asked students to maintain a balance of social and family time alongside academic study.
- Students have taken part in a Christmas quiz this week during registration time with rounds in Christmas trivia, name the Christmas songs, Film round and Christmas dingbats. Well done to all who took part and of course, the winners.
- Year 13 students have been issued with a letter regarding their Year 13 Graduation Ball which this year will be held at The Grand Hotel, Leicester on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. For those wishing to attend, slips must be returned following the Christmas break. Payments can be made through Beehive.

**Key events coming up:**

Year 12 and 13 external vocational examinations – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Year 12 Trial examinations – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Finally, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas from the Sixth Form team and hope you have a fantastic break!