



Weekly Bulletin 8th December 2025

Headteacher's Message

We greatly value our partnership with parents and carers. Last week, we hosted our APDR meetings – an important opportunity for parents of our SEND students to engage with us about how well we are supporting their child and how we can meet their needs even better.

We received some really positive feedback, especially from parents of our Year 7 students. Many told us that transition has gone even better than they could have hoped for.

This week, it's the turn of our Year 10 parents. You should have received your invitation to book appointments; if this hasn't reached you, please contact us at enquiries@ruralenterpriseacademy.com

Safeguarding Update for Parents – December



As we move into winter and towards the Christmas period, we want to share a reminder about how we work together to keep all our students safe, healthy, and supported.

Looking After Mental Health and Wellbeing

This time of year can be exciting, but it can also bring extra pressures for some young people, including stress, low mood, anxiety, or worries about the holidays. Please let us know if your child is finding things difficult- we are here to help, and early support can make a big difference.

Family and Seasonal Pressures

We know that the festive season can be a challenging time for families for many reasons. If you are experiencing financial strain, housing issues, food insecurity, or changes at home that may affect your child, please reach out. We can offer support directly or signpost you to services that can help.

Online Safety

Students often spend more time online during darker evenings and over the holidays. Please continue to talk to your child about staying safe online, being kind to others, and telling a trusted adult if something worries them. If you have any concerns around online behaviour or cyberbullying, please contact us.

Attendance and Wellbeing

Changes in attendance or punctuality can sometimes be an early sign that a young person is struggling. If your child is finding it hard to come into school or is facing challenges affecting attendance, please speak to us- we want to work with you to support them.

How You Can Contact Us

If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns—big or small—please get in touch with the school. Our safeguarding and pastoral team is here to help, listen, and support wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership during this busy time of year. Together, we can help ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

If you need any support over the Christmas break, please find some helplines below:

Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: **0300 111 8007**

NSPCC Helpline Call **0808 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk if you're worried about a child.

[NSPCC Christmas Support \[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: **0800 1111** or [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

Samaritans

116 123 [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

Citizens Advice Staffordshire – Debt, benefits, budgeting

0808 278 7874

StepChange Debt Charity – Free debt advice

0800 138 1111

Take care, and have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year,

The TREA Safeguarding Team.

Attendance Update



ATTEND TODAY; ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

Year 11: We were really pleased to see such strong attendance during the recent mock exam weeks. Students worked hard and set a really positive standard. However, attendance dropped

significantly the week following mocks. With real GCSE exams approaching, it is essential that Year 11 attend **every day**, so they don't miss important teaching, revision, or support.

Whole School: As winter bugs circulate, please continue encouraging good hygiene and healthy habits at home. While some students will be genuinely unwell, we ask that children attend school wherever possible. **We can safely store medicine at Reception-** including paracetamol, inhalers, and prescribed medication- so students do not need to stay at home for minor illnesses like colds, headaches, or sniffles. Regular attendance builds **resilience**, one of our TREA values, and helps students maintain confidence and progress in their learning.

We are so pleased to share that the school has received the **Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award**, recognising our work to create a school where students feel safe, supported, and motivated to attend every day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make TREA a place where every child can thrive.

For more information on our Inclusive Attendance focus, please visit the Attendance section of our website: <https://www.ruralenterpriseacademy.com/page/?title=Attendance&pid=63>

Key Dates



- Thursday 11th December Year 10 Parents Evening
- Thursday 11th December Christmas jumper Day (normal 'bottom half' uniform)

- Wednesday 17th December - Local Governing Board Meeting
- Thursday 18th December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 19th December Term ends 12:35

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)



We have received the following information from The Wildings Project about a HAF programme:

"We are excited to share details about our upcoming Forest School Winter HAF project, which will be hosted at Baggeridge Country Park, South Staffordshire, during the Christmas holidays.

Our project offers children a chance to spend quality time in nature, exploring woodlands, climbing trees, completing Christmas crafts using tools, and creating a campfire.

If you have a child who receives HAF funding and you think this project would be a good fit, please share this information with them."

More details can be found via the links below:

[Wildlings Christmas HAF Project. with The Wildlings · Eequ](#)

www.thewildlings.co.uk