

Literacy Focus:

Commas as brackets: Commas can act like brackets separating off a phrase or word from the rest of the sentence. This sentence still makes sense without the word or phrase, but the word or phrase adds extra information or shows something about the writer's attitude. Where is the comma needed in these sentences?

1. Christmas is of course a time for celebration.
2. There are however different ways of celebrating.

As this is the end of term, **please will all students clear their lockers for Christmas.** Take this opportunity to take any PE Kit home for washing, mending etc. You don't want to be coming back to school in January to find any smelly surprises in your locker!

English Anthologies: All students who have ordered an Anthology from Mrs Pearson, please go to EN2 either at registration time or between 1.20pm - 1.35pm this week to collect their copy. Thank you.

Year 11 Science revision sessions for the January exam start on Wednesday 19th December:

YEAR 11 - UNIT 1 ADDITIONAL		
	Foundation (Sc6)	Higher (Sc7)
Wednesday 19 th December	Chemistry	Physics
Wednesday 9 th January	Physics	Biology
Wednesday 16 th January	Biology	Chemistry



Enter the Library

Christmas Quiz

and you could win a selection pack!

- Entry forms and details in the Library
- Closing date Wednesday 19th December
- 5 prizes to be won!



6th Form Humanities Trip to France: We are hoping to run a 6th Form trip to Normandy to visit the D-Day landing beaches, war cemeteries and the Peace Memorial at Caen from 15th - 17th March 2013. Priority will be given to Humanities students but anyone who has a genuine interest in WWII history, or who would like to develop their French language skills, would be welcome. The maximum cost of the trip will be £250, but if deposits are given in before Christmas we will be able to benefit from discounts. We are looking for 30 students for the trip to run. There is a quick turn around on the deposits (£50 by 19th December) if you are interested. Please pick up a letter from the 6th Form Office or see Mrs Finch in Hu2.



Save the Albatross Charity Appeal: please can we save our used postage stamps and bring them into school. Students from 7.8 will go round to tutor groups to collect them after Christmas.

NACE Photography Competition: The subject of this photography competition is 'The Ultimate Challenge'. Almost anything in life can be seen as a challenge depending on your point of view. Crossing a busy street can be a challenge! Entrants have a huge scope to be both creative and imaginative and capture a visual image that conjures up the notion of challenge. Ideas could include sporting activities or the gruelling effort and training needed to prepare for sporting performance or other kinds of events, they could be associated with building, designing or travelling or even the kind of challenge insects and animals meet in their everyday lives.



The competition is open to all year groups and closes on **Friday 1st February 2013**. The prize will be the **winning photograph being made into a canvas print**. An electronic version of your photograph is required. Visit the NACE website for the competition rules: www.nace.co.uk. Mrs Dedman.

Work Experience: Please can Year 10 students use the Christmas holiday to make time to contact employers about **work experience**. Remember that you can access the database via My Highcliffe, if you go to the My Data page. You can also find your own placement, as long as the employer has Employers Liability Insurance, and we will need their contact details to request a health and safety visit. When you have a confirmed placement - let me know - or see Mrs Bower in the 6th Form office. It would be a shame for you to miss out on placements to students at other local schools. Well done to all those with confirmed placements! Mrs Finch.

Year 11 - dates for your diary: The **B603 RPE paper** will be taken on **Friday 18th January**. There are plenty of revision materials on the school's shared documents, but in addition there will be 3 revision sessions leading up to the examination. Please pencil the following dates into your diary (more details to follow):

- Tuesday 8th January - **Human Relationships** (IT4, 3.10pm - 4.10pm)
- Wednesday 9th January - **Medical Ethics** (IT4, 3.10pm - 4.10pm)
- Wednesday 16th January - **Wealth and Poverty** (IT4, 3.10pm - 4.10pm)

(Please note - classes with only two lessons a cycle may not have studied the Wealth and Poverty unit)



I WONDER ... If you could make one law, what would it be?

Music: Extra-Curricular Activities

All day rehearsal for the Christmas Concert (Hall)

Period 1	Jazz Band Soloists - Emily Worrall, Nathan Smith (A level choir) Charlotte Colehan, Felice Southwell, James Mascord
Period 2	Highcliffe Harmonics Choir
Break	
Period 3	Highcliffe Harmonics Choir
Period 4	Mrs Will's dance group BTEC ensemble (3 songs)
Lunch	
Period 5	All students required to attend to run through the order for the evening.
After school	6 th form and Staff choir

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday		
Tuesday		<u>The Highcliffe Harmonics: Ex3</u> For those who want to be part of the Christmas Concert and can commit to rehearsing, come along at 1.30pm Ex3.
Wednesday		<u>The Soul Ensemble: Ex3</u> For all wind players (flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, brass) and strings (violin etc.) 3.10pm - 4.00pm in Ex3.
Thursday	All day rehearsal for the Christmas Concert (Hall)	
Friday		



PE DEPARTMENT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PLEASE CHECK PE WHITEBOARD FOR CHANGES OF FIXTURES & CLUBS



	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	1.25pm - 1.55pm Year 8 Basketball Club SHM	3.05pm - 4.10pm
TUESDAY	1.25pm - 1.55pm Year 7 Basketball Club NJS	3.05pm - 4.10pm Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football Club (CFM)
WEDNESDAY	1.25pm - 1.55pm Years 10/11 Basketball Club SHM	3.05pm - 4.10pm Years 9 & 10 Volleyball Club Year 7 & 8 Netball Club (EHM & LSN) U13 Girls football County Cup vs Sandford Middle School (H) 2.00pm k.o (CFM) Year Basketball vs Twynham (A) (NJS)
THURSDAY	1.25pm - 1.55pm Year 9 Basketball Club NJS	3.05pm - 4.10pm Year 8 Boys' Football Club (JPO) Year 7 Basketball Club (JDN) U16 Girls' football County Cup vs Twynham TBC (CFM)
FRIDAY		