

THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this autumn term draws to a close and we look forward to a well-deserved Christmas break, I am writing to celebrate all that our school community has achieved since September. If I were to recognise every outstanding achievement, accomplishment or milestone that has been reached, this letter would be unbearably long. Our students and staff have collectively shown remarkable resilience, determination and strength in setting themselves aspirational goals and working hard to achieve them.

We have celebrated individual and group success in almost every aspect of the curriculum. Success in sport, professional music performances, our production of Sleeping Beauty, outstanding award-winning artwork and first-class baking in the Austro-German Bake Off. Students have entered creative writing and chemistry cartoon competitions, planted trees with the Eco-committee, sprinted in the Mince Pie Relay and raised hundreds of pounds for charity. Multiple trips and visits have taken place to support our students in learning beyond the classroom and many memories have been made. The highlight of this week has been the Rock Concert, a tradition in our school at Christmas time. Our Sixth Form production team this year have produced a gig that would revival any professional venue and it has been super to see everyone enjoying the live music together.

At the end of last month, the Department for Education released the validated attainment and progress data for summer 2024. We were extremely proud of all the achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 students in August, but it was another proud day for our school when this data was released in November. Showing us to be in the top 5% of schools in the country for progress, our Progress 8 score of +0.74 demonstrates the consistently strong journey of all groups of learners in the school. Outstanding GCSE and A Level results offer increased opportunity and life choices for young people. Success at this level is very much a team effort. I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for everything that they do every day to encourage our students to aim high, take pride in their learning and celebrate their success. The partnership and trust between home and school is a crucial one for us and we feel very lucky to have such supportive families in our school community.

If you would like to explore our results in more depth, please see the link to the DfE website below.

[The Piggott School - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK](#)

I am very aware that many parents can feel disconnected from school life when their child joins secondary school. This term, we have invested further in the Satchel One app so that parents are able to track the achievements of their children. We are committed to ensuring that excellent engagement and effort is not normalised in our school but seen as a strength, celebrated and recognised as motivation for students to continue to commit to their learning.



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Many schools produce a weekly letter or a termly newsletter to document life in the school. I have given much consideration to how we best communicate with you as parents and I have sought feedback from some of our school community as to what is needed, expected and most importantly, manageable. Life is extremely busy so I am keen to ensure that our communication is timely and purposeful.

We will continue to use the website, school comms and the Satchel One app to share news with you but we have recently launched our new Piggott School Instagram account to share good news stories. If you are a user of social media, please do consider following us on our handle @the_piggottschool.

Finally, Christmas is a time for hope, light and love. Whilst it is a time for joy and celebration, we know that it can also be very challenging and stressful for some. As we approach the Christmas break, please be assured of our ongoing support and partnership as we look towards 2025.

In Big Panda, Tiny Dragon by James Norbury, Panda says to the Tiny Dragon 'Winter is a time when nature withdraws, rests and gathers its energy for a new beginning. We are allowed to do the same, my little friend'.

On behalf of all of the staff at The Piggott School, I wish you a restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We will look forward to welcoming the students back to school on 6th January 2025.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Alexander

Headteacher