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Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of Bow School,

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts and achievements across our school community. This term has been filled with learning, growth, and opportunities that bring us closer to our vision of being World Ready, Career Ready.

Our students have shown determination in tackling challenges, adaptability in embracing new routines, and curiosity in their learning journeys. We have seen countless examples of responsibility and respect—values that underpin everything we do. These qualities will serve our young people well, not only in school but in life beyond the classroom.

In this edition, you'll find highlights from the term, updates on upcoming events, and celebrations of student success. We also share ways you can support learning at home and stay connected with the exciting opportunities planned for the spring term.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a culture where every student thrives and leaves us prepared for the world and their future careers.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a joyful festive season and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back in January, ready for another term of growth and achievement.

Mr. Lye - Headteacher

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TERM

This term has been packed with exciting opportunities and memorable moments that truly reflect our vision of being World Ready, Career Ready. Here are just some of the standout highlights:

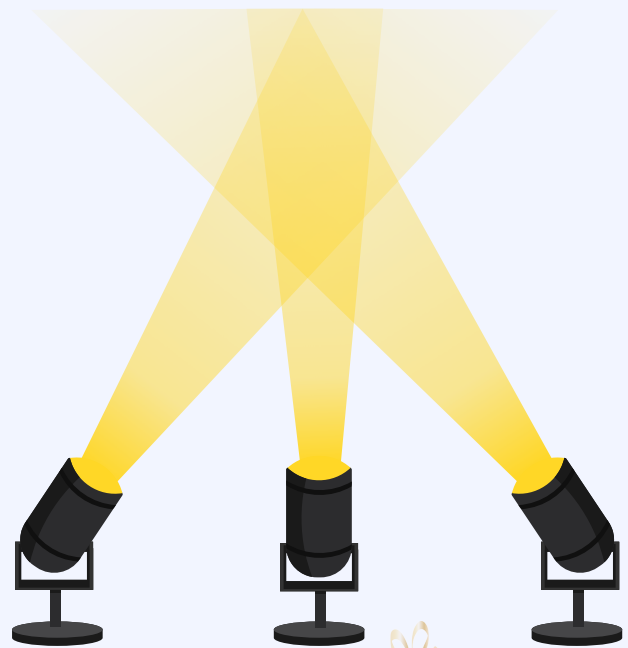
We were delighted to welcome so many families exploring what makes Bow School such a vibrant and ambitious community. The energy and enthusiasm from visitors were inspiring, and we look forward to seeing many of these families join us in the future. On Personal Development Day students enjoyed a day dedicated to broadening horizons, including excursions and workshops designed to build confidence, teamwork, and life skills and for some of our Y7s a field trip, organised by our Geography team, to Epping Forest for hands-on fieldwork, applying classroom learning to real-world environments.

As part of our commitment to supporting students in becoming 'World and Career' Ready we filled our sports hall with employers, careers advisors, colleges and training providers giving our students invaluable insights into future pathways.

In the world of sport, members of our table tennis enrichment programme enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other teams supported by Coach Zion and our Y7 Football team, won the LBTH Football Championship Shield! – a fantastic achievement showcasing teamwork and resilience.

Students, and staff, also participated in our Annual Remembrance Event, a moving occasion where our community came together to reflect and pay respects, reinforcing our value of responsibility and respect.

There was much excitement in Y10 and Y12 as we informed students about the opportunity, in the Spring Term to take part in a trip to Shanghai, China. Excitement is building as students prepare for an incredible cultural and educational experience in Shanghai—an opportunity to broaden global perspectives. We also enjoyed a successful Anti-Bullying Week & World Mental Health Day, exploring themes through assemblies and activities, we reinforced our commitment to creating a safe, respectful environment and supportive environments.



BOWGIVESBACK - FOOD PACKAGES AND PERSONAL CARE KITS

Staff, Parents & Carers...

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From **MONDAY 8th DECEMBER** to **WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER**

Bow School will be collecting donations of
HYGIENE PRODUCTS, CLOTHING & UNWANTED GIFTS
in aid of

COOPERS COURT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY & OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES

Donations may be left at **Main Reception** (Twelvetrees Crescent) or
Student Reception (Gillender Street).

Members of our Parents' Forum will create care packages from the donations, packaged in embroidered bags that they have been creating this term, for delivery to Coopers Court residents and other local charities.

*NB: Hygiene products (male & female) and unwanted gifts should be in 'as new', unopened condition.
Clothing must be cleaned prior to donation.*



STEM COMPETITION - MEDAL WINNERS - IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON

We are delighted to announce that a team of our talented students has been awarded Second Place in the highly respected STEM Competition at Imperial College London.

This event, designed to inspire secondary school students from underrepresented backgrounds, offered a full day of hands-on STEM challenges, problem-solving activities and valuable skills development. Throughout the competition, our students demonstrated exceptional creativity, determination and analytical thinking. Their ability to collaborate effectively and apply their STEM knowledge to real-world problems truly impressed the judges and resulted in this outstanding achievement.

This success would not have been possible without the guidance and support of Mr Awofadeju, Mr Singh and Ms Alexander, who played a vital role in encouraging students, nurturing their curiosity and providing opportunities for them to explore and develop their STEM skills. We are incredibly proud of every student who represented the school with maturity, enthusiasm and focus. Their achievement reflects not only their personal effort but also the strength of our school's commitment to fostering a love of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



GETTING READY FOR *Assessment*

As we head into the winter holidays, it's important for students to strike a balance between rest and preparation. The break offers a valuable opportunity to consolidate learning and build confidence ahead of upcoming mock exams and assessments. A little planning now can make a big difference in January.

Top Tips for Students

1. Create a Revision Plan

Break down subjects into manageable chunks and set realistic goals for each day. Short, focused sessions (30–45 minutes) are more effective than long, unstructured hours.

2. Review Key Topics

Start with areas you find most challenging. Use class notes, revision guides, and online resources to strengthen understanding.

3. Practice Past Papers

Working through past papers under timed conditions helps improve exam technique and highlights gaps in knowledge.

4. Use Active Revision Strategies

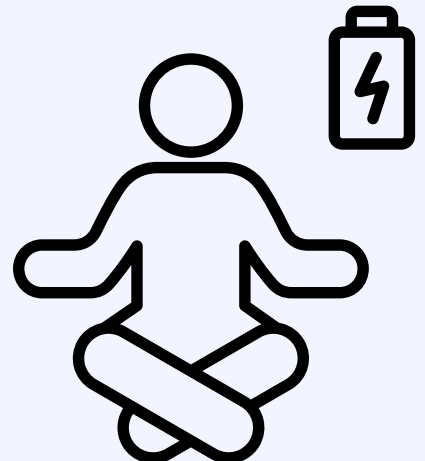
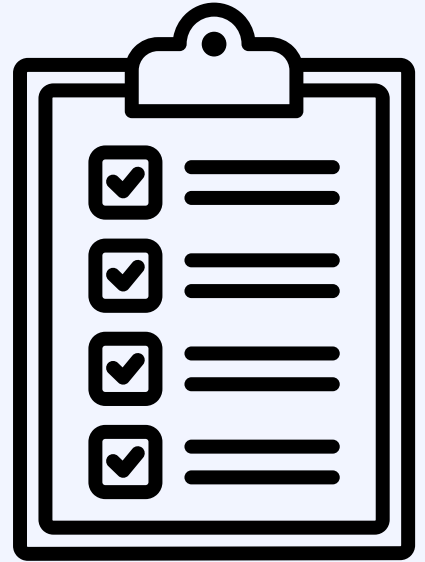
Techniques like flashcards, mind maps, and teaching someone else are proven to boost memory and understanding.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

- **Provide a Quiet Space:** A calm, distraction-free environment makes a big difference.
- **Encourage Balance:** Support regular breaks, exercise, and downtime to avoid burnout.
- **Show Interest:** Ask about what they're revising and celebrate progress—it builds motivation.
- **Monitor Online Time:** Ensure devices are used for learning, not endless scrolling.

Mock exams are a stepping stone to success. With thoughtful preparation and support, students can enter the new term feeling confident and ready to achieve their best.

Wishing all our families a restful and productive holiday. - Mr Beck, Deputy Headteacher



Safeguarding - Staying Safe - An Update from Mr Emin

As we approach the winter break, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of safeguarding and wellbeing during the holiday period. While school is closed, our commitment to keeping every child safe remains a priority.

The festive season can be a time of joy, but it can also bring challenges for some families. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to seek support. Our safeguarding email address will be monitored throughout the Christmas Break (safeguarding@bow-school.org.uk).

Alternatively you can contact Tower Hamlets Children's Services on 020 7364 5006 or, in an emergency, dial 999.

For non-urgent advice, the NSPCC helpline (0808 800 5000) and Childline (0800 1111) are available throughout the holidays.

Online safety is another key focus during this period. Many young people will spend more time on devices, so please take a moment to check privacy settings, monitor screen time, and talk to your child about staying safe online. Helpful resources can be found at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Finally, if your family needs additional support with food, finances, or wellbeing, local services and community hubs are here to help. Information can be accessed via the Tower Hamlets Council website.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students safe and supported. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

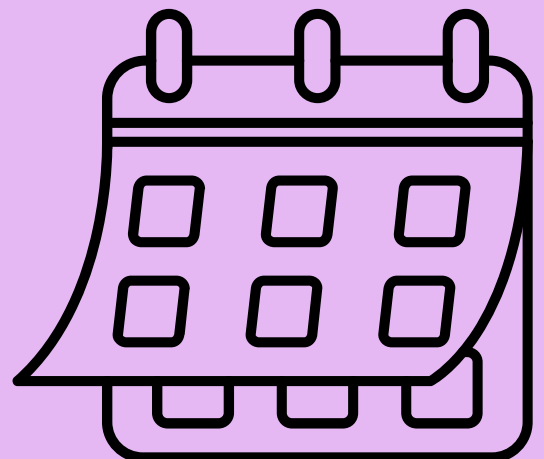
Wishing you a safe and restful winter break.

Mr Emin, Deputy Headteacher – Safeguarding
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Upcoming Dates and Events

- 19.12.25 Final day of Autumn Term*
- 05.01.26 First day of Spring Term
- Wb 12.01.26 Y11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams
- 20.01.26 - Personal Development Day 2
- 21.01.26 - Y9 Parents' Evening (4.00 - 6.30)
- 29.01.26 - Bow Arts Showcase
- 04.02.26 - Y10 Parents' Evening
- 13.02.26 - End of Half-term



*school closes at 12:15pm for all students - timing TBC