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## Dates For Your Diary

- **Tuesday 13 December**
- **Friday 16 December**
- **Tuesday 3 January**
- **Wednesday 4 January**
- **Tuesday 10 January**
- Educational Visit to German Christmas Market for Year 9
- School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1255hrs
- Back to School
- Information Meeting for Naples Visit, 1900hrs in Lecture Theatre
- Sixth Form Scientists to Birmingham University Science Lectures



## The Wolgarston Collaboration

Wolgarston High School works in partnership with all of the schools in our area. I am delighted that we have been able to develop the relationship further with several of the schools for the mutual benefit of each school. The following statement has been agreed between the four schools mentioned below and gives more detail about this exciting new initiative. *Mr Tapp*

"The ongoing changes in educational funding and strategy (both local and national) are creating financial and administrative pressures within all of our schools. In order to ensure we maintain and improve the experience of children and young people (within the 4-18 age range) there is a need to foster greater collaboration amongst our schools with the aim of finding innovative ways of working more efficiently and cost effectively. Whilst, locally, over recent years this has increasingly taken place on an informal basis, the under mentioned schools have taken the opportunity to formalise an arrangement under the umbrella of "The Wolgarston Collaboration".

### Wolgarston High School

**St John's CE (VC) First School, Bishops Wood**

**St Leonard's CE(VC) First School, Dunston**

**St Mary and St Chad CE (VC) First School, Brewood**

A formal constitution was signed at a meeting of the member schools on 23 November at Wolgarston High School when formal Terms of Reference were also agreed.

The initial objectives of the collaboration are to share experience and expertise, to identify areas of cost saving and to utilise resources to maximum effect. Each school is represented on a joint committee by the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors (or their approved deputies) who will meet at least termly to monitor progress and provide mutual support to each other."

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## The New Vic Theatre - The Holocaust

On Thursday 1 December, Wolgarston International and Cultural Studies Faculty welcomed the New Vic Theatre into school. There was a performance for our Year 9 students, followed by some group activities for the Holocaust Memorial Day.



## Senior Citizens Christmas Party (Photos Centre)

Mr Simmonds, Head of Sixth Form and Mrs Parkes would like to thank all the Sixth Formers and musicians who took part in the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on 7 December. Seventy five senior citizens from our local community packed the school hall. The event was a great success and the comments from the guests were extremely positive saying "It was the best ever!" It was wonderful to see so many students performing, including 'Viva Voce' for the first time, Matt Dean dancing with his Ballroom and Latin partner Sophie as well as hearing various solo acts of violin, guitar, flute, clarinet, piano and xylophone. The students involved were a credit to themselves and the school.



Mrs Parkes would also like to remind students that if they would like to be involved in Wolgarston's musical activities, they should see her on Wednesdays or Thursdays in the music room. Everyone is welcome!

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