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## This Week's News

### Debating Matters

On Thursday last week The Mount once again hosted the local round of the Debating Matters Competition which is organised by the Institute of Ideas. The competition for Sixth Formers requires participants to research and then debate current topics in depth. The Mount was joined by schools from Grimsby and Malton and students debated the regulation of the media, the banning of the burqa and provision of IVF. The judges were focused and demanding in their questions, really putting the teams through their paces to ensure that they could fully develop and substantiate their opening remarks and that the debate topic was explored from a wide variety of angles. At the end of the evening the Grimsby Institute went through to the regional final.

### Year 10 Ice Skating - Thursday 8 December

To mark the end of a successful term, S10 girls organised an outing to the Ice Factor and Pizza Hut. Unfortunately due to the severe winds, the ice rink was closed but in true *Mountie* style the girls found time for shopping at the Designer Outlet instead!

### Next Week

Next week is the last week of the Autumn Term and, as usual, promises to be a busy one. There are no activities next week (unless specified) and girls are looking forward to all the traditional Christmas activities including the College I Pantomime, tea and Christmas Meeting.

### Sport

Well done to the Senior Hockey Team who beat Silcoates School last weekend 1-0. Some sporting success - Amelia Browne in S9 came first and second in two races at a Club Swimming Gala.

### Chinese New Year

The MSA are organising an event for Chinese New Year on Thursday 26 January so hold the date - details to follow.

### Theatre Trip

All girls in S7-S9 enjoyed an enchanting production of *Annie* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse on Wednesday this week. The girls were enthralled by the dazzling choreography and dynamic singing. The musical certainly put the girls in festive mood with its Christmas theme and heart warming storyline.

### Autumn Concert

An audience of parents, staff and friends enjoyed a superb evening of music when they attended the Autumn Concert on Friday last week. They were treated to performances by the Junior and Senior Orchestras and Choirs, the Singing Group, the Wind and Saxophone Groups and the Swing Band. The evening was organised by Derek Chivers with accompaniment from Kathryn Coombes, Margaret Hammerton and Rebecca Smith.

### Christmas Meeting - Saturday 17 December

A reminder that this is a compulsory event for all pupils in J3-College II. Families are welcome to join us for the Christmas festivities to mark the end of term and to begin your seasonal celebrations. All pupils should wear school uniform. Senior School Choir members and instrumentalists should wear their black music tops and plain black trousers. We look forward to welcoming you to our *Christmas Meeting* which will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Dining Room.

## For your Diary

Mon 12 Dec	4.05pm Christmas Quiz (fundraising)
Tue 13 Dec	S10 PE kit home College Ice Skating and Party
Wed 14 Dec	S9 and S11-College II PE kit home Sign up for activities
Thu 15 Dec	S7 and S8 PE kit home 3.15pm College Pantomime
Fri 16 Dec	Normal school uniform day
Sat 17 Dec	10.30am Christmas Meeting in the Sports Hall

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### Spring Term 2012

A new block booking form will be in the end of term envelopes next week. A reminder that any block bookings for the Autumn Term will not automatically be transferred to the Spring Term and that you must complete new forms for block bookings in Breakfast Club, After School Care and Prep/Supper.

### Harrogate Theatre Visit

It's the theatre visit next Wednesday for Reception-J6 children. We will return at approximately 5.30pm and collection should be made from the Gym. If your collection plans change that day, please contact the School Office and they will ensure that we receive the message.

### Christmas Meeting

All children in J3-J6 must attend Christmas Meeting on Saturday 17 December and should arrive at the Sports Hall for a short rehearsal at 9.00am. School uniform must be worn and children must hang coats in their cloakrooms or give to parents/guardians for safekeeping during the Meeting. Refreshments will be available for visitors from 9.00am in the Dining Room and the Sports Hall will be open from 10.00am for you to be seated. Access to the Sports Hall should be made via the main entrance. We look forward to seeing you all and invite you to seasonal refreshments in the Dining Room afterwards.

### Next Week

It's the last week of term next week and the Autumn Term ends on Friday 16 December at 3.30pm. After School Care and Prep is available as normal until 6.00pm. There are no activities next week so please remember to make a booking if you need to use After School Care and/or Prep.

### MSA Directory

The MSA Directory will be in the end of term envelopes but please may we ask that if you **DO NOT** want your information publishing you must either contact the School Office or email [shouston@mountschool.york.co.uk](mailto:shouston@mountschool.york.co.uk) by Monday 12 December? Thank you.

### Christmas Play - The Little Angel

Thank you to everyone who came along to see our Christmas play yesterday. A huge thank you to the children who certainly exceeded all expectations and performed superbly and, as always, a special thank you to those parents who made some fantastic costumes!

### Pre-School Christmas Celebrations

A reminder that it's the Christmas party for our Pre-School and Reception children next Thursday from 11.45am.

### Christmas Post

Our Christmas post boxes will be in-situ next week for the children to post their Christmas cards. Please remember to address envelopes correctly in order that our post people can ensure prompt and efficient delivery!

### J2 Multi Sports

Some of the children in J2 went to Energise Sports Centre this week for a Multi Skills event. The children did extremely well and won the competition and came back with championship certificates!

### Chinese New Year

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### J1 & J2 Woodland Area Christmas Activities

On Tuesday afternoon next week our J1 and J2 children are off to the Woodland Area so please remember to wrap up warm and wear suitable outdoor clothing for this.

### Judo

The children who take part in Judo have received certificates this week for various coloured belts! Congratulations to Charlotte Holliday in J3 who received a special certificate for the most positive attitude. Well done Charlotte!

### Golden Ticket Target

This term's final target is.....a secret!

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