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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

Our Internet Safety Day took place yesterday for all of our students and culminated in our Information Evening for Parents/Guardians. The talk was provided by Pat McKenna of Childwatch.ie. This company has extensive experience in the area of internet/social media safety and in working with schools. This initiative was organised by our Pastoral Care Team and the school covered the significant fees involved. We want to thank the parents and the Parents' Association for their support and we hope that all those that attended on the evening felt that it was worthwhile. We have already had some very positive feedback from our students.

As our Christmas holidays are fast approaching, I want to bring the following items to your attention regarding some of our scheduled school activities:

Change of date for our 2nd Year Parent/Teacher meeting – This meeting will now take place on **Tuesday 26th January** at 4:15pm and <u>not</u> on Dec 1st as originally scheduled.

"Amazing Brains" study skills workshop for all of our exam students to take place on Wednesday, 25th December.

SCHOOL CLOSED for students on Monday 30th of December. This is to facilitate the DES training day for teachers in the new Junior Cycle Programme. Students involved in the musical will have rehearsals that day in the Mayflower.

School Mass to take place on Tuesday, 1st December at 3pm.

Christmas Exams – 3^{rd} year & 5^{th} year exams will take place on dates from Dec 7^{th} to Dec 22^{nd} . Individual subject teachers will notify their students. 1^{st} year, 2^{nd} year and 5^{th} year exams will take place from January 14^{th} to 22^{nd} . The Christmas exams for these non-exam years are delayed to give students a chance to study after their rehearsals for "Annie".

DVS students are proud to present "Annie", the musical on December 18th and 19th. Tickets may be purchased at the school.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fallon

Sean Wynne