

# Ratcliffe College

## Boarding Newsletter

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October 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians

The new academic year got off to a very good start; our new boarders all settled quickly, helped by members of staff and those students returning to Ratcliffe after the summer holiday. These returning students enjoyed catching up with each others' news, and everybody settled into their new routines.

Study grades, sent to parents of all students at or before half-term, show that the large majority of our boarding students have (as usual!) been working hard. The boarding staff place great importance on trying to ensure that each one of our students is working to the best of their ability, and assisting those who sometimes struggle with organisation. While academic work should be every student's first priority, it is also important that they maintain a good balance between this and the extracurricular activities which are both enjoyable in their own right and do so much to help them to develop as individuals.

The photos that follow this letter show just some of the many trips and activities enjoyed by the boarders during the past few weeks. With the cost of weekend trips and visits now included in the full boarding fee, many more students have taken the opportunity to enjoy some time away from school – a good reward and something to look forward to at the end of a busy week's work!

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Jo Leite

Girls' Housemistress

Paul Michel

Boys' Housemaster


## Some of the things we have been doing...



We went to Alton Towers and had a brilliant time!



## What's happening next?

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Local Shopping Centre  Firework display	Fireworks at Ratcliffe. Parents/ Families/ Guardians welcome.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cinema	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Local Shopping Centre	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shopping Trip (IKEA, etc.)	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Boarders' Fancy Dress Party	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	City Centre Shopping  Cinema ("Twilight")	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ice skating	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fancy Dress Karaoke/Disco	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Shopping Trip	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - 6.00pm: Mass 7.30pm: Supper
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Local Shopping Centre	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Waterworld (Water Theme Park)  Climbing Wall (Nottingham)	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	City Centre Shopping	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gates' Garden Centre Shopping  Piano by Candlelight	

## Family Fun Day September 2011...



## Year 13—Sixth Form Flat

*How prepared are our Sixth Form students for University life or life away from home?*

*Further details will be emailed to all Year 13 parents and guardians during half term.*

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the Sixth Form Flat, or indeed with any boarding queries...



Mountain Biking in Sherwood Forest



## Art and Cooking Sessions...





### Your Email Address:

Do we have your up to date contact details?

Quite a lot of our boarding forms and information is now emailed directly to you.

If you would like to change your email details with us please do let us know as soon as possible.



## Upcoming Events...

Year 10 Parent/Teacher Meetings—1st November

Year 7 Parent/Teacher Meetings—7th November

Presentation of GCSE Certificates to Year 12—22nd November

***First Sunday of Advent Mass, followed by Dinner: 5:30pm —  
Sunday 27th November***

Year 9 Parent/Teacher Meetings—1st December

### Term Dates:

Boarders arrive back after Half Term : Sunday 30th October (between 16:00pm-18:00pm)

End of Autumn Term: After classes Friday 16th December

Boarders arrive back for the Spring Term: Sunday 8th January (between 16:00pm-18:00pm)

Spring Half Term: After classes Friday 10th February

Boarders arrive back after Half Term: Sunday 19th February (between 16:00pm-18:00pm)

*All travel details must be confirmed on the travel form by  
Parents or Guardians only.*

*Please may we request that all Unaccompanied Minors  
are escorted to Airports by their Guardians.*

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