



12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the end of a very busy term, I'm writing with some key information in relation to the next two weeks.

Our last day of this term will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Our day will finish at 1.00pm following some tutor time festivities and Learning Community Assemblies. The service bus companies will be informed of the new school leave time, as will the taxi companies of those who get taxis to school. Students will be able to wear Christmas Jumpers/tops on this day – please send your child(ren) in with 50p each, which will be sent to Save The Children. All other aspects of school uniform will remain the same with the exception of blazers being optional this day.

In addition to the normal end of term festivities, the final week of term will see Christmas Breakfasts returning and we will celebrate Final Festival Friday on the final lunchtime of term with those students who have zero behaviour points and 94%+ attendance. As before, allowance for lesser attendance will be made for students who have been directed to stay at home by a medical professional. We anticipate at least another 4/500+ students with impeccable conduct will enjoy these experiences.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we will host our annual Christmas Fayre. Students in tutor groups have been busy preparing games and activities for other students to take part in. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend the event which starts at 3.30pm.

Our winter newsletter is due to be sent to parents before Christmas – with lots of photos and articles about events which have taken place this term.

I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 students on completion of their mock examinations. Their sensible and mature attitude was mentioned specifically by one of our external invigilators. We look forward to Year 11 Mock Results Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

On a separate note, I would like to address the small spike we've seen in students arriving late to school. Students MUST be on site by 8.40am to be in their tutor bases for 8.45am registration. The New Year will see a new approach to students who are late and I implore parents/carers to ensure students don't disrupt the start of our day through lateness. I need to also remind parents/carers that if students are being dropped to school by car, that they must do so outside of our school gates. I ask that parents/carers set good examples by not dropping students off on the yellow 'no parking' hazard lines; on double yellow lines; and/or on top of the roundabout itself.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas, full of rest and recuperation ahead of school returning in the New Year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours faithfully,

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