

December 2023

### Parent/Carer Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few important updates before the Christmas break.

#### Last Day of Term (Friday 22 December 2023)

On the last day of term, we will have our usual fun activities for students. There will be the Blankety Blank game for each year group in the hall, followed by a quiz and Christmas bingo over the PA system. Brunch will be served from the following times so that students can participate in the planned activities. There will be a phased dismissal from 1330.

Year 7	1010-1040
Year 8	1040-1110
Year 9	1110-1140
Year 10	1140-1210
Year 11	1210-1240

Students can wear their Christmas jumpers all day; there will be a collection for payments during the day. The suggested donation is £1.00.

#### Year 11 Next Steps Event - Students and Parents

This event will be held at the Academy on Thursday 18 January 2024 (1730-1900). In attendance will be a range of further education providers, training providers, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities who will be able to provide support and advice around post 16 options. More information will be sent to parents when we return after the Christmas break.

#### Uniform

Some students require new ties where they are broken or defaced, appropriate trousers or skirts, and shoes which are in line with the uniform policy. Parents and carers are advised that they should replace items of uniform before the Christmas break. Your child's Head of Year will inform you if this applies to your child.

#### Attendance

The Academy continues to have high expectations regarding attendance: every student is expected to attend every day. Lessons are continuing as normal across the Academy until the last day of term, Friday 22 December 2023. I am sure you will agree how important it is that students continue to attend every lesson. Students should not be ringing or texting their parents during the day to go home, we will deal with this as an Academy if we feel they are too unwell to be in school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Students return to the Academy on **Monday 08 January 2024**. I hope they have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing them in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

J. Owens

Mrs J Owens

Principal

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