



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Break – December 2024

As we break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 20th December at 1.15pm**, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks, as ever, to parents, carers, students and staff for their ongoing support of our school. We are proud that our students are working hard and making progress in their learning. All of our students have sat assessments this term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication to learning as well as the way in which they have conducted themselves during their assessment and examination periods.

Our students have been holding charity events to support the UNICEF's Gaza Appeal: Children in Crisis. Our Sixth Form students organised a teacher talent show, and raised £858. Also, the Year 7's organised the Christmas Jumper day which raised over £500. This is a fantastic accomplishment by our school community and there will be more events taking place next half term.

This term our students have engaged positively with their Personal Development curriculum activities including our fantastic Personal Development Day on 12th November where external visitors and inspirational speakers delivered valuable sessions to our young people.

Our students have taken up a range of opportunities at lunchtimes and after school. Students have been able to attend a wide variety of sporting opportunities as well as clubs such as chess club, craft club and gardening club.

To celebrate their positive engagement in learning, we have also facilitated reward trips for students including a trip to the pantomime to watch Sleeping Beauty as well as bowling trips. We have a reward trip for Year 11 in the new year to reflect how well the students conducted themselves in the mock exams.

It has been lovely to see our parents and carers in school at the range of events that we have held including our parent/carers evenings, Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebration and our recent Winter Concert, where it was great to see the increased number of students taking part in singing groups and performing in musical groups and bands. Our Eco leaders' group have also organised the planting of 400 trees in the school grounds as part of a climate project.

We continue to be very concerned about traffic safety and pollution outside school at the start and the end of the day and we would like all parents/carers to help us with this issue. Please encourage your daughter to walk to school if you live nearby. If you do drop off your daughter by car, please park well away from school and be very mindful of our neighbours and pedestrians, as we continue to receive complaints about dangerous parking and driving. Please also note that traffic enforcement officers are now regularly in attendance outside school.

Should you wish to contact your daughter's year office, please find below the contact details:-

	Head of Year	Year Co-ordinator
Year 7 0161 860 2977	Mr Kavanagh	Mr Ellis-Scott
Year 8 0161 860 2976	Mrs Lynam	Mrs Mackenzie
Year 9 0161 860 2975	Mrs Kheratkar	Mr Mustafa
Year 10 0161 860 2978	Mrs Saleem	Ms Carr
Year 11 0161 860 2979	Mr Da Silva	Miss Drake Thomas
Sixth Form 0161 860 2984	Mrs Davies (Head of Year 12) Mrs Maloney-Rock (Head of Year 13)	Miss Smith (Sixth Form Admin/Pastoral Support)

Also, I would like to encourage all parents and carers to ensure that we have an up-to-date e-mail address and your other contact details are updated if/when they are changed. We now send out all correspondence to parents/carers via e-mail. If, however, we do not have an e-mail address, correspondence will continue to be sent via text, student post or Royal Mail.

We return to school on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in the New Year and all the best for 2025.

Best wishes



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