



Dear Parents/Carers

End of Half Term 2 - Christmas Break

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school. We are immensely proud of our students and the progress they are making in their learning. This term, all students have completed assessments, and I want to commend them for their hard work, dedication, and the exemplary way they conducted themselves throughout these periods.

Our students have also demonstrated incredible leadership and community spirit by organizing a range of charity events. Year 11 hosted a teacher singing contest, while Year 9 arranged a charity disco, these are fantastic examples of student initiative and teamwork.

To celebrate positive engagement in learning, we have arranged reward trips, including visits to the pantomime to see Peter Pan and to Total Ninja. In the new year, Year 11 will enjoy a special reward trip in recognition of their excellent conduct during mock exams.

It has been a privilege to see our students shine in the arts. Their outstanding performance of Romeo and Juliet as part of the Shakespeare Festival, both at the Contact Theatre and in school, was truly inspiring. Last week's Winter Showcase was another highlight, featuring over 100 talented performers. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and supported our students, it was a wonderful celebration of creativity and achievement.

This half term, we have also taken steps towards sustainability with the installation of solar panels on our G Block roof. Our Eco Group continues to lead the way in promoting environmental responsibility across the school.

Pearson National Teaching Award – The Award for college partnership of the year

The partnership of Manchester Sixth Forms and colleges achieved an incredible milestone by winning the Silver Award for School or College Partnership of the Year. This is a testament to the collaborative spirit and dedication to providing outstanding opportunities for post-16 learners across Manchester.

Traffic Safety

We must address a serious and, at times, dangerous situation on the roads surrounding our school caused by unsafe drop-off and collection practices. Issues include:

- Driving onto pavements, endangering pedestrians
- Blocking residents' driveways
- Stopping in traffic to let students out, restricting flow and risking safety
- Blocking cycle lanes, which recently resulted in an injury to a cyclist
- Parking on double yellow lines and school keep-clear markings



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Please ensure you park well away from the school and drive safely at all times to protect our students and local community. Wherever possible, encourage your daughter to walk to school.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up-to-date email address and contact information. Most correspondence is now sent via **email**; if we do not have an email address, we will continue to use text, student post, or Royal Mail.

Online Safety

Keeping young people safe online is a shared priority. Over the holiday, please take time to talk to your daughter about the apps and websites she uses. The Manchester Safeguarding Partnership is offering free access to Qustodio, a parental control app that helps monitor and manage online activity.

Return to School

We return on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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

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

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to working together in the new year and wish you and your family a joyful festive season and a successful 2026.

Best wishes

Mr M Lea

Academy Headteacher

a member of the Greater Manchester Education Trust