

WRH/NPM

6 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support and assistance over the last term. As this term begins to draw to an end I also wanted to remind you of a number of events being held between now and the Christmas break.

Christmas Fayre

On Tuesday 12th December, the academy will be turning very festive with Santa's grotto, stalls, tombola, entertainment and much more. Entry is free and we would love to see you from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.

Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 13th December 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Christmas Dinner

Our traditional Christmas Dinner will be served to students and staff (over 1000 meals!) on Wednesday 20th December. All students have the opportunity to receive lunch served by the Senior Leadership Team and Sixth Form students. Any students who fail to meet our expectations during the December challenge, will unfortunately not be allowed to enjoy the festivities and will have a separate lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 21st December, we will be holding a Christmas themed final day and would like students to wear their most festive outfits and bring £1 donation to raise funds. As usual, we will close a little earlier on the final day. Lessons and activities at the academy will end at 12.15pm. There will be no lunch provided during the day, however snacks will be available during break time.

Inclement Weather

In snowy weather the academy will make a decision in relation to the health and safety of the students and staff on site. A decision is always made as early as possible and will be placed on the website, text message, Twitter (@ohorizonacademy), Facebook and local radio.

Next Year

The academy will re-open to students on Monday 8th January 2017, at the usual time of 8.35am. As always, a variety of after school student enrichment activities will continue in the New Year, however for safeguarding reasons after 3.00pm, students must be supervised by staff. Unless supervised, students must leave the academy site by 4.00pm. Homework club will run from 3.00pm till 4.00pm in ILC1 (Monday to Thursday). All students must be off site by 3.30pm on a Friday.

Pastoral Support – Behaviour & Uniform

To maintain our high standards, if students do not meet our high expectations in lessons or around the academy they will now spend extended periods of time in our 'Reflect' room or in 'Internal Exclusion' until they have demonstrated that they are ready to learn.

I would like to also remind parents about our uniform expectations. It is not acceptable for a student to wear extreme/heavy makeup and/or an extreme hairstyle (no dyes or tramlines). Only one piercing is allowed in each ear, no facial piercings are allowed in the academy. Finally, 'skinny' trousers, leggings or jeans/chinos style of trousers are not acceptable.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or concerns.

Have a wonderful Christmas, and a peaceful and relaxing New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr W R Hughes
Principal