

13 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Christmas break approaches, I would like to thank staff, students, parents and governors for their hard work and support this term. As an academy, we have taken big steps in moving forward with the introduction of a variety of new qualifications at KS4 and the implementation of improved pastoral systems across all year groups. Our vision remains clear, all of our students will receive a first class education both inside and outside of the classroom.

There has, as always, been a huge number of opportunities for our students to take part in academy life outside of the classroom. I know the students and staff who have been involved in these opportunities have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and developed a range of new skills that will benefit them in the future. I have picked out below a couple of my highlights from our first term:

- Ashley Moran (Year 11) hosting the OAT Awards
- Dance & Music performance at the OAT Awards
- The Christmas Concert
- The introduction of Rainbow Club
- Curriculum Enrichment Day
- Year 11 Certificate Evening
- Y7 Tie Giving Ceremony

Before we break up next Friday, there are a couple of events that I want to make you aware of:

Christmas Dinner

Our traditional Christmas Dinner will be served to students and staff (over 1050 meals!) on Wednesday 18th December. All students have the opportunity to receive lunch served by the Senior Leadership Team and Prefects. It should be a fantastic day for all. Please look out for the updates on social media.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 20th 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 for charity. As usual, we will close a little earlier on the final day; lessons will end at 12:30pm. There will be no lunch provided during the day, however snacks will be available during break time.

The academy will re-open to students on Tuesday 7th January 2019, at the usual time of 8.35am. Please ensure academy standards are adhered to on return and uniform is worn to highest possible standard. Festive nails, hair and piercings need to be left at home alongside any inappropriate footwear.

I look forward to hosting parent/carer clinics in the New Year which will give me the opportunity to listen to your views and opinions on the academy as we continue to strive for excellence.

I hope you all have a very peaceful and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Yours sincerely



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Principal