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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: End of term newsletter

As we approach the Christmas holidays I am writing to tell you about arrangements for the end of term and to give you a staffing update. We will break up for Christmas on Thursday 21 December at 2.30pm. We have got a range of rewards activities and celebrations planned and are looking forward to next week.

Arrangements during the final week

On Monday, our sixth form students have a rewards trip to York and our Year 11 students will have their results assembly. On Tuesday, our school production "A Night at the Musicals" begins at 7pm – tickets are still available. On Wednesday, it is Christmas dinner day! On Thursday, we will be having a prize draw for top attenders, with the opportunity to win an iPad or shopping vouchers – you have to be here to win! We will also be announcing some rewards events for students with the highest effort scores and we will be having a non-uniform day for everyone. There will also be a raffle organised by the Academy Council and Sixth Form Leaders. This will be to raise money for the Salvation Army. In return for a donation of £1, students do not have to wear uniform. They can wear Christmas accessories and jewellery. The theme is Christmas so pupils can wear Christmas jumpers or something red or green for those who don't have one. To clarify – they do not have to wear their normal uniform trousers, skirts or shoes either. There will be a tutor time presentation to explain this and answer any questions.

Please note: students may not have gel, acrylic or any other type of false nails.

New term

The academy will open in the new year on Monday 8 January at 8.20am. This is not a training day! Our next training day is planned for Friday 23 March.

Staffing changes

As is often the case, the end of term sees us say goodbye to a number of staff:

Mr Cole, our senior lab technician leaves us after fifty years of service! He will be replaced by Mr Allen.

Mr Warnock, Assistant Principal leaves us after five years.

Miss Such, our SENCO is leaving us and will be replaced by Miss Caddy.

Mrs Streets, Head of Science will be replaced by Mr Belk.

Miss Spare, teacher of maths will be replaced by Mr Gregory.

Miss Hall also joins us as a teacher of maths.

Miss Nettleton will be going on maternity leave and Mrs Agar will be returning.

We have made some new additions to the senior leadership team, with Mr Storey joining us as Assistant Principal and Ms Benton Miller joining us as Associate Assistant Principal. Ms Benton Miller is our senior safeguarding officer and inclusion manager. Mr Storey will lead on behaviour and support.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and wish you a merry and restful Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Rooney
Principal