

Monday 19th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and wonderful term at the Academy, I wanted to just remind you of a few important things and use this as an opportunity to say goodbye to some staff that are leaving us.

As you are aware, the last day of term for students is Wednesday 21st December. Students will take part in a carousel of activities in the morning including coaching time, a Christmas celebration and an assembly, before being dismissed at 12 pm. Members of staff will escort students off site and into the community to ensure that they disperse in an orderly and festive way. Please can you remind your son or daughter to head straight home once they are dismissed so that they do not gather on the streets surrounding the Academy.

We return from the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 4th January 2017 and all students should arrive at the Academy at normal time (by 8.35 am). The Academy staff return the day before (Tuesday 3rd January) for an INSET day.

Our year 12 and 13 students will be taking mock exams to prepare them for the Summer when we return in January. These will start on 9th January 2017. We expect our Sixth Form students to be using their time over the holiday to prepare for these exams and revision materials and examination advice will be shared on the morning of Wednesday 21st December to ensure that they use the Christmas holidays wisely.

As it is the end of term we need to say thank you and goodbye to a number of members of staff, including two members of staff who have been part of the Academy community since the beginning. Mr Hill leaves us to take on a promoted role at another school, and Mrs Vellacott has decided not to return after maternity leave so she can spend more time with her daughter. They have been instrumental in shaping the Academy and we wish them the very best of luck for the future.

At the end of a long Autumn term, I hope our students and you, their families, have an opportunity to rest and relax over the holidays. Our year 11 students should take a well-deserved break following their mock exams; our Sixth formers should revise in preparation for theirs in January; year 7 students should congratulate themselves on completing their first term at Secondary school; all of our students and staff should switch off and enjoy spending time with their loved ones. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas, and look forward to the challenges and excitement of 2017.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Mr M Williams  
Principal