



15 December 2025

RE: END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout this highly successful term. The excellent progress made by our students, the positive culture across the Academy and our shared commitment to continuous improvement are truly commendable.

This term has begun with strong momentum, with students consistently striving to be exceptional in all aspects of Academy life, supported fully to achieve their potential. As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I am pleased to reflect on several notable highlights, including outstanding teaching and learning across the Academy, the highly successful Hairspray concert, sporting successes, the Army cadets, the academic standards and the increasing number of students engaging in extracurricular activities.

On Wednesday 17 December 2025, the Academy will host its Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their usual uniform and enjoy a festive meal prepared by our canteen team and served by members of the Senior Leadership Team. As a gesture of appreciation for students' exceptional effort and commitment, Christmas dinner will be provided **free** of charge for all students this year.

The Autumn Term will conclude on Friday 19 December 2025 at 12:00 pm. The Spring Term will begin on Tuesday 06 January 2026, with all students expected to arrive by 8:15 am. Key dates for the upcoming term are outlined below.

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mon 05-Jan ** TRAINING DAY 3 ** ➤ Tues 06-Jan 08:15 All Years Start (Years 7-11) ➤ Fri 09-Jan Panoramic photographs (Years 7 and 11) ➤ Thu 15-Jan 16:00-1900 Year 10 Parents' Evening ➤ Mon 26-Jan – Fri 06 Feb Year 11 PPE 2 Exams 	<p>Mon 16 February - Fri 20 February - Half Term Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mon 23-Feb 0815 All Years Start (Years 7-11) ➤ Mon 02 – Fri 13 March Years 7 - 10 Assessments ➤ Thu 05 March – Year 11 Parents' Evening (2) ➤ Thu 26 March – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to building on this positive momentum in the Spring Term. I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to working closely with our staff, students, parents, governors and wider community as we continue to **'Improve Upon Our Best.'** I kindly encourage parents and carers to support their children in dedicating some time to revision over the holiday period. Thank you for your ongoing support and for entrusting the education of your child to our Academy.

Yours sincerely

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