

**RE: END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

I would like to express my gratitude to parents and carers for their unwavering support throughout this enriching term at our Academy. The remarkable progress of our students, the positive atmosphere surrounding the Academy and our collective dedication to pushing our Academy forward are truly overwhelming.

This term has seen a dynamic start, with students energetically pursuing excellence in all aspects of their lives, supported to realise their full potential. As we approach the conclusion of the Autumn Term, I want to highlight some exceptional moments, including but not limited to:

- The outstanding teaching and learning across every area of the Academy;
- The impactful Parent Partnership meeting;
- The eagerly anticipated High School Musical concert;
- Engaging Student Assemblies;
- Student Leadership events including Black History Month; and
- The number of students getting involved in extra curricular activities.

On 20 December 2023, the Academy will host its Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day. Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper alongside their regular uniforms and partake in a festive meal prepared by our fantastic canteen staff and served by members of the Senior Leadership Team. The Christmas feast is priced at £2.30, promising lots of fun and entertainment for all.

The Autumn Term concludes on **Thursday 21 December 2023**. At 10:15 am, students will gather in their Tutor Groups, followed by a full school assembly. Dismissal is scheduled for **11:15 am**, allowing students to leave the Academy.

Looking ahead, the Spring Term commences on **Tuesday 09 January 2024**, with all years starting at 8:15 am. Below, I have outlined key dates to mark on your calendars: Your continued involvement is crucial to our collective success and we look forward to building on this positive momentum in the upcoming term.

JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mon 08-Jan <b>** TRAINING DAY 3 **</b></li> <li>➤ Tues 09-Jan <b>0815</b> All Years Start (Years 7-11)</li> <li>➤ Fri 12-Jan Panoramic photographs (Years 7 and 11)</li> <li>➤ Thur 18-Jan <b>1600-1900</b> Year 10 Parents' Evening</li> <li>➤ Mon 29-Jan Year 11 PPE 2 Exams (29 Jan - 09 Feb 2024)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tues 06-Feb <b>1600</b> GLC Recruitment Fair</li> <li>➤ Thur 08-Feb <b>1600-1900</b> Year 8 Parents' Evening</li> <li><b>Mon 19 February - Fri 23 February - Half Term Holidays</b></li> <li>➤ Mon 26-Feb <b>0815</b> All Years Start (Years 7-11)</li> <li>➤ Mon 26-Feb Years 7 - 9 Assessments (26 Feb - 08 March 2024)</li> <li>➤ Year 10 PPEs (26 Feb - 08 March 2024)"</li> </ul>

Details of this letter, together with a very large quantity of information can be found on the Academy's website (<https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/>). Please feel free to visit the Academy's website regularly for updates. If there is anything else you feel we can do to support that this time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I want to wish you all a joyful Christmas break and I look forward to working with the staff, students, parents, governors and community to ensure we continue to 'Improve Upon our Best'. Can I ask parents and carers to encourage their child to do some revision over the break and spend a significant amount of time reading. Thank you for your on-going support and for entrusting our Academy's with your child's education.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

**Mrs G McLaughlin**  
**HEAD OF SCHOOL**



