



11 December 2024

RE: END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parents and carers for their steadfast support throughout this enriching term at our Academy. The outstanding progress of our students, the uplifting atmosphere within the Academy, and our shared commitment to driving our Academy forward are truly inspiring.

This term has begun with great momentum, as students have actively strived for 'exceptional' in every aspect of their lives, fully supported to reach their potential. As we near the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate some of the remarkable highlights, including but not limited to

- The outstanding teaching and learning across every area of the Academy;
- The Matilda Jr concert;
- Our overwhelmingly positive Ofsted visit;
- Student Leadership events including Black History Month; and
- The number of students getting involved in extra curricular activities.

On Wednesday 18 December 2024, 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. Christmas dinner will be **free** for all students this academic year as a thank you for their absolutely extraordinary efforts, day in and day out. Indeed, the Ofsted Inspectors were particularly impressed by their positive attitudes, commitment to our values and exemplary behaviour during our recent inspection.

The Autumn Term concludes on **Friday 20 December 2024 at 11:50 am**, for all students.

Looking ahead, the Spring Term commences on **Tuesday 07 January 2025**, with all years starting at 08:15 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 2025	FEBRUARY 2025
➤ Mon 06-Jan ** TRAINING DAY 3 ** ➤ Tues 07-Jan 08:15 All Years Start (Years 7-11) ➤ Fri 10-Jan Panoramic photographs (Years 7 and 11) ➤ Mon 13-Jan 15:30 Year 9 SEND Parental Event ➤ Thur 16-Jan 16:00-1900 Year 10 Parents' Evening ➤ Mon 27-Jan – Fri 27 Feb Year 11 PPE 2 Exams	Mon 17 February - Fri 21 February - Half Term Holidays ➤ Mon 24-Feb 0815 All Years Start (Years 7-11) ➤ Mon 24-Feb Years 7 - 9 Assessments (24 Feb - 07 March 2025) ➤ Year 10 PPEs (24 Feb - 07 March 2025)

Finally, I would like to wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas break. I look forward to collaborating with our staff, students, parents, governors, and the wider community as we continue striving to '**Improve Upon Our Best.**' I kindly ask parents and carers to encourage their children to dedicate some time to revision during the break. Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting our Academy with your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

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