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16 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this busy first term, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support. Your involvement in school events and your willingness to visit our school site have been invaluable. We've enjoyed having more face-to-face interactions this term and look forward to building on these opportunities in the coming months.

Our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their secondary school journey, settling in seamlessly. We're incredibly proud of their progress.

We have had a busy end of term with Year 11 practice exams; the students must be commended for the excellent way they conducted themselves and the effort they have shown. It is a full on intense two weeks not only for them but for parents too supporting at home. Thank you!

Despite the current economic challenges, our school community has once again shown its generosity through the Shoe Box Appeal, Basics Bank, and Christmas Jumper Day. It's heart-warming to see how many students and families participate in these initiatives and understand their importance.

You can stay updated on school news and events through our weekly parent newsletter, which is sent to your inbox every Friday at approximately 11 am.

On **Friday 20th December the school will close at 12.30pm**. Students will be able to purchase food at Break 1 should they wish to.

Start of Spring term:

We return to school on Monday 6th January 2025 and this will be a normal school day. Please note that it will be a **Week B**.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key dates for the rest of the year:-

- **January 16th:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **January 17th:** Year 7 Dragons' Den
- **January 23rd:** Year 7 & 11 Photos
- **January 27th - February 7th:** Year 10 Practice Exams
- **January 30th:** Parent Information Evening: Year 8 Pathways
- **February 4th:** Apprenticeship Evening
- **February 4th & 5th:** Year 9 vaccines
- **February 6th:** Year 8 Parents' Evening

- **February 14th:** CPD Day & Break up for Half-term
- **February 24th:** Return to school after Half-term
- **February 24th:** Year 8 Pathways Assemblies
- **February 27th:** Parent Information Evening: Supporting Your Teenager
- **March 3rd:** Peter Symonds interviews Year 11 all week
- **March 6th:** World Book Day
- **March 7th:** Work Skills Day – Year 9
- **March 13th:** Parent Information Evening: How to Support Your Child’s Reading
- **March 20th:** Parent Information Evening: SEN in a mainstream school
- **March 27th:** Year 11 Parents’ Evening 2
- **April 3rd:** Easter Dance Showcase
- **April 4th:** School Closes for Easter Holiday
- **Wednesday, April 23rd:** School Reopens for Summer Term
- **Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025:** Last Day of Summer Term

As always, we kindly ask that you be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up students. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on grass verges, or parking in resident-only areas.

We wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas holiday. May it be filled with magical moments, laughter, and plenty of festive cheer as the Grinch says in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas": **‘What if Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store. What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!’**

With very best wishes,



Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher

