

CLO/LN

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the end of this very busy first term of this academic year, may I begin by thanking you all for your support; whether it is in attending school events or visiting us in school in some other capacity. We have had more face to face events this term which we hope to build on as the year goes on.

As always our winter newsletter provides you with specific stories of success as well as our weekly newsletter that lands in your inbox every Friday at around 11am.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of some key dates and the end of term arrangements. On **Friday 15th 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 Tuesday 2nd January 2024 and this will be a normal school day. Please note that it will be a **Week A**.

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

- 11th Jan - Year 10 Parents Evening
- 11th Jan - Year Group (7 & 11) Photo
- 18th Jan - Acoustic night (KS4)
- 19th Jan - Dragons Den – Year 7
- 22nd Jan - 2nd Feb - Year 10 Practice Exams
- 25th Jan - Parent Information Evening: Year 8 Pathways
- 25th Jan Drama Showcase
- 1st Feb - Year 8 Parents Evening
- Friday 9th February: School breaks up for **Half-term**
- 19th Feb - CPD Day
- 29th Feb - Parent Information Evening: Supporting your Teenager
- Friday 9th February: School breaks up for **Half-term**
- 21st Feb Year 8 Pathways assemblies
- 22nd Feb - Soundbites (all years)
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 14th March - Parent Information Evening: How to support your child's reading
- 21st March - Year 11 Parents Evening 2
- 28th March Easter Dance Showcase
- Thursday 28th March: School closes for the **Easter Holiday**
- Monday 15th April: School opens for the **Summer Term**
- Just a reminder, the last day of the summer term is **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**.

As always, please help us maintain our warm relationships with our neighbours by being considerate when picking and dropping off students. In particular, not blocking driveways, parking on grass verges or parking in resident only areas. This thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

And so as we head into the festive season, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas holiday filled with magical moments, fun-filled activities and lots of laughter. As Hamilton Wright Mabie states,

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!"

With very best wishes

Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher