



5 December 2022,

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

End of term arrangements Friday 16 December 2022

As you will be aware, we traditionally take Years 7 – 10 and 12 – 13 to Durham Cathedral on the last day of term for our Christmas Carol Service. Despite the huge size of the Cathedral, we are not able to fit the whole school in as well as inviting parents of performers and Year 7 pupils. As in previous years, students in Year 11 will therefore remain in school whilst the rest of the school attend the Carol Service.

Year 11 students will attend their usual timetabled lessons for Periods 1 and 2. After break, Year 11 will have the opportunity to meet with several local and national employers as well as Further and Higher Education providers at an in-house careers event. Year 11 are currently researching different career choices in preparation for the event and in the Spring Term they will have the opportunity to discuss their research and choice in career guidance meetings.

Please note that there will be no food service during morning break.

Students should not bring their bags into school.

Brunch will be served for students in Year 11 at 12.00 p.m. They will then return to event for the final part of the session.

With regards to arrangements for transport home, school buses (Garnetts and Danny's Travel) will be re-directed to New Elvet (opposite the Police Station) to collect students returning from the Carol Service. Year 11 students will be dismissed from school at **1.30 p.m.** to walk down to the city to catch their usual bus. Buses will leave promptly at **2.00 p.m.**

As the majority of staff, except for those leading the in-school sessions for Year 11, will be occupied in the Cathedral, we cannot offer any supervision for Year 11 students in the city centre. It is important that students who are walking into town go directly to New Elvet to catch their bus and not to Palace Green to wait for friends or siblings. These arrangements have worked very well in previous years' and we hope that they will do so this year.

We will write to you in January about our plans to support students and parents in the final stages of Year 11. Term begins on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

It remains for me to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

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