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11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to inform you of our arrangements for the end of term and plans for the start of the spring term in January.

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### End of term

The last day of term is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, and this will be a non-uniform day. Please ensure that your child, whilst not in uniform, is appropriately dressed for the academy day. Therefore, can I please ask that students refrain from wearing:

- Hats of any style.
- Tight fitting clothing (including but not limited to cycling shorts/gym shorts, **leggings will be permitted as long as they are a thick material with no transparent features**).
- Short skirts (skirts must be closer to the knee than not).
- Short shorts (shorts must be closer to the knee than not).
- Cropped tops.
- Heeled shoes.
- Jewellery.
- Make up (with the exception of subtle make up in Y10 and Y11 – in line with our policy).

### Donations to Rochdale Food Bank

We usually ask for a monetary donation on non-uniform days; however, we are requesting that students bring a donation for the Rochdale Food Bank. These will be collected in the morning and then delivered to the food bank to help support those in need in the Rochdale area. Please only donate tinned and dried food goods – no fresh or perishable items. In recent years, parents, staff and students have been incredibly generous in helping local residents in need of help at this time of the year.

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Early closure

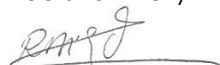
In keeping with usual practices, and other schools, we will be closing for the Christmas holidays a little earlier on Thursday. Students will be dismissed in a safe, staggered manner between 12.15pm and 12.20pm. Please note - **there will be no school buses at the end of the day**; therefore, you will need to make alternative travel arrangements for your child's journey home.

### Students returning in January 2024

All students return to the academy, as normal, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Finally, thank you again for your continued support. I wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully



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