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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to have reached the end of a very busy, but very enjoyable term. It has been a pleasure today to see all our young people enjoying some fun and Christmas cheer with their friends and form groups.

To keep all parents and carers updated, there are some thanks and goodbyes that I would like to share with you. Today, we say 'goodbye' to Mrs Benvin-Duffield, our Curriculum Lead for Science, who is leaving us to take up a new role in a local school; we would like to offer her our thanks and wish her all the very best in her new school.

As we have such a strong Science department at St. Michael's, we held interviews this week in school, and I am delighted to inform you that Mr. Price was the successful candidate, and he will take up the responsibility for leading our Science department in January 2026.

As Mr. Price was the Pastoral Learning Manager for Year 10, we have made some changes to the pastoral leadership starting in January 2026. Mr. Robson will leave Year 8 and take up the role as Pastoral Learning Manager for Year 10 as he has recent experience of leading a year group through their GCSE years. Mr. Hall, who has a tremendous wealth of pastoral experience, will take over the leadership of Year 8 and he is really looking forward to working with all our wonderful Year 8 students.

Finally for staffing, Dr. Frank will be officially retiring from teaching at the end of this month. I would like to thank Dr. Frank for all he has done teaching students at St. Michael's since joining us in September 2018. Dr. Frank will remain in school but will take on an administrator role, running all our data and information systems, so we will still benefit from his expertise in these areas.

At the end of this term, I just want to offer you my very sincere thanks again as parents, for the tremendous and continual support you offer to your children and to the school. As we are rapidly reaching the end of the season of Advent and rushing towards the feast of Christmas, I hope all our students and you, their families, enjoy a peaceful and joyous Christmastime. I look forward to seeing everyone again when the school re-opens on Monday 5 January 2026.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

**Mrs Clare Humble**  
Headteacher



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