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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. It seems that time has passed by extremely quickly as we accelerate towards the Christmas season. The Autumn term is always one of great intensity and I am deeply thankful to staff and students alike for their dedication and commitment to all we stand for.

I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership and faithfulness throughout the year. In this vein, I am writing to you to draw your attention to some notable dates, together with some items of news.

End of Term Events

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Days

As we did last year, we will be splitting Christmas dinner over two days for our students. The arrangements are as follows:

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| 16 December | Years 7, 8 and 9 |
| 17 December | Years 10 and 11 |

If your child does not normally eat school dinners but would like a Christmas dinner, then you can pay £2.85 for a set menu (a main course and pudding). It is important to note that over these two days, the only other option will be sandwiches with biscuits and drinks. The Dance Studio will be used for serving sandwiches on these days. If you know your child will not eat sandwiches, please ensure that on this one day in the year, they have an alternative lunch they can eat. Students will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumper on the day that they have their Christmas dinner.

Achievement Assemblies – Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December 2025

We will be recognising student achievement across the academy in special year group assemblies. It is wonderful to affirm the work and kindnesses of our students.

Year 7 and Year 8 School Discos – Thursday 18 December 2025

This year we will be holding a Year 7 and Year 8 disco for any students in the year groups who would like to attend.

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| Year 7 Disco | 4.30 – 5.45pm |
| Year 8 Disco | 6.00 – 7.15pm |

Tickets cost £2.50 and can be paid for through your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Students will receive a drink and a hot dog; a vegetarian option will be available.

End of Term - Friday 19 December 2025

Please note that Academy will close on Friday 19 December at 12.45pm and accordingly the school buses will be here to collect the students at this time. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to obtain a meal at breaktime.



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Monday 5 January 2026

The Academy opens for all students at the normal time. Breakfast Club will be open to students between 8.00am – 8.40am. Students do not have to buy food or drink; they are very welcome just to come in and sit down and keep warm and dry.

Dates for your diary

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| • 12 December | Year 11 Metro Centre Trip |
| • 16 December | Christmas dinner and jumper day for Years 7, 8 and 9 |
| • 17 December | Christmas dinner and jumper day for Years 10 and 11 |
| • 18 December | Disco for Years 7 and 8 |
| • 19 December | Year 11 school photographs |
| • 19 December | school breaks-up for the Christmas holiday at 12.45pm |
| • 5 January 2026 | school opens for students at the normal time. |

This is a particularly demanding time of year for families and I hope this Christmastide you find time to rest and enjoy the celebrations.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Humble
Headteacher