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Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of the current term and look forward to Christmas, I am writing to update you on some of the academy's news and the arrangements for the start of the new term in January.

Staffing

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Mrs Iles, our Examinations and Student Performance Data Officer, and we send our best wishes to her for the future. We will welcome Miss Sobol as a teacher of Maths in January.

Christmas Celebrations – Friday 17 December

Next week we celebrate Christmas and have the Christmas lunch and the Christmas Show to look forward to.

The Christmas Show will be online again this year and will be viewed by students in their tutor groups during the afternoon on the last day of term. The Show will be made available through our Facebook page and website on the afternoon of Friday 17 December and for approximately 3 days after. We hope that you enjoy seeing our talented students perform.

The Christmas lunch will also be on the last day of term, again in tutor groups as last year. If your child is not having this, then they will need to bring a packed lunch, as there will be no alternative food option available. Christmas jumpers may also be worn with the normal uniform if your child wishes to on the last day of term. There will be no food served by the canteen at morning break on this day.

Morning arrival

For their own safety, students being dropped off in the car park in the mornings should exit the vehicle to a footpath and not alight between the parked cars.

Once on site, all students must proceed to tutor rooms and must not leave the site without permission.

A reminder about medication

If your child needs to take medicine at school and this includes painkillers eg paracetamol and antibiotics, you should request a form from Student Services which you must complete. All medicine must be left with Student Services. The exceptions are inhalers for Asthma, diabetic medicine and Epipens.

Staggered start in January

The Academy breaks for the Christmas holiday on Friday 17 December.

In January in line with Government advice, we will be operating a staggered start due to the requirement for the Academy to conduct lateral flow testing on site when the term starts:

- **Year 7, 9 and 11 will attend from Tuesday 4 January**
- **Year 8 and 10 will attend from Wednesday 5 January**

In addition to this, I also ask that your child carries out a lateral flow test at home either on the morning of their return or the previous evening please.

Please can you ensure that your child attends in the appropriate uniform and have the equipment as detailed in the Academy Information Booklet which is available on our website. This will support a positive start in the New Year and reduce any lost learning time spent resolving any issues.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Scott Yalden
Headteacher