

Our Ref: JGR/FHA

11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Term Dates Academic Year September 2019 to August 2020**

Happy New Year!

Please see attached the term dates for the next academic year from September 2019 to August 2020. A further 3 additional PD days will also be confirmed and these dates will be distributed to parents as soon as possible.

As you are aware, improving attendance has been a priority this academic year and continues to be a focus. Since our return this week, we have launched a 25 day 'Attendance Challenge' - this requires students to attend College on time, every day from Monday 14th January to Friday 15th February. Successful students will be invited to a reward 'event' which will be celebrated in College on Friday 1st March. We ask parents to encourage students to take on the Attendance Challenge.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust has high expectations for attendance and this includes the fair and consistent application of the 'Leave of Absence in Term Time policy'. By adjusting the term time dates, the Trust is trying to work with parents and reduce the need to issue penalty notices where leave of absence in term time is taken, particularly in September. We would hope these term dates allow our families the flexibility to take a holiday without disrupting valuable learning time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher